



## From the Rector

The Book of Common Prayer says, "It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks." We can state that with a bit more punch to it in an older, Elizabethan manner: "**It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks.**" And to whom do we give thanks? To God. At all times and in all places. Indeed, it is meet, right, and our bounden duty.

"Duty" is a word we do not like so much. Most voluntary organizations of our day demand little of us. Few requirements, less "duty." The Church is much the same. There is little we *must* do. Perhaps we should require more, demand certain things, have higher expectations.

In life, there are things we *must do* - and I mean more than death and taxes. If we would have much of a life; if we would have some sense of health and well-being, if we would rejoice and give thanks, if we want to be "happy," then we must give, love, learn, and grow. Giving is our bounden duty. It is as necessary as loving or learning.

The fear of "not enough" has gripped our culture. The struggle for "enough" is very real, and very present with us. Yet still, we must give, we must give thanks, we must give thanks to God. And words alone are not enough. Make it real. Make it concrete. Give.

We have so much, so many blessings, and so much we **can do**. Why focus on what we *cannot* do? Let us do what we can. And more. Because the limits of our fear will get us nowhere.

Time, money, prayer, sweat, tears. All these things are part of an **Attitude of Gratitude**. At all times, and in all places, it is meet, right, our bounden duty, and our joy.

The ministries of this parish are dependent on you. In them and through them we give much, we learn much, we love much! Please give generously, with an attitude of gratitude.

I am very grateful for this parish; and it is an honor and privilege to serve as your rector.

- Fr. Victor Mansfield

Rejoice always,  
pray without ceasing,  
give thanks in all  
circumstances;  
for this is the will of God  
in Christ Jesus for you.

1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5.16-19



## Also from the Rector:

The **Bishop is Coming** for his annual visitation. Bishop Porter Taylor will be at Calvary on Sunday, December 11 as preacher and celebrant at both the 8 and 10.30 services.

Baptism makes us part of the Church, the Body of Christ, and yet our journey of learning, growing, loving, and giving continue throughout our life as Christians. This is being transformed into the image of Christ. It is not a goal we achieve but a journey we are on. Ancient tradition and rite give us opportunity to mark sacramental moments along the way.

One of these ancient rites involves publically affirming our Baptismal vows in the presence of the Bishop and asking prayer for God's ongoing grace. Called confirmation or reception, it may be an important milestone on our way. Bishop Taylor will confirm and receive folk at the 10.30 service.

Any of us may have special moments in our lives when it seems appropriate to renew our baptismal vows *and* receive laying on of hands and prayer from the Bishop. This is open for all who may wish to do so. Please let me know if you are interested in reaffirming your baptismal vows at this service. Call me at the parish office 684-6266 or email me at [vmansfield@calvaryfletcher.org](mailto:vmansfield@calvaryfletcher.org).



## Thanksgiving Service

There will be a Thanksgiving service, including Holy Eucharist, at 10:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day - November 24. Join us.



## Book Club Meets November 20

We will meet in the library at 4:00p.m. to discuss, *The Great Divorce*, C.S. Lewis's classic vision of the Afterworld. "Lewis, perhaps more than any other twentieth-century writer, forced those who listened to him and read his works to come to terms with their own philosophical presuppositions." - Los Angeles Times. All are welcome to join us for discussion and bring their own suggestions for future reads.

## New Worship:

**Listening to God . . . . . and one another**

Sunday, November 27, 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

God, in your life. God's already there. Can we talk? Join us. Let's talk. And listen. The Divine is everywhere. Let's share it. Together. Bread. Wine, too. Ancient & modern. All at the same time. Our hope is that this new, different service of worship may be something that proclaims the Gospel, welcomes new people of all ages, speaks to some who may not otherwise hear. Join us. Be heard, and listen, too. Each month, the topic will be announced in advance to give time for pondering questions to ask or thoughts to share.



## **St. Nicholas Day Dinner**

Sunday, December 4, at 6:00 p.m.

in the Parish Hall

Tickets-\$5.00 for adults

\$3.00 for children under 11 years

Fun & Fellowship!

Tickets available after worship services

No tickets sold after November 30



### **Advent Event for Calvary's Kids & Friends**

On Saturday, December 3, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., all children from ages 4 through fifth grade are invited to come to the Parish Hall for an afternoon full of a variety of activities. We plan to make Christmas crafts, read stories, bake cookies, eat snacks, and sing. Please invite your friends to come!

Parents: put this on your calendar! This will be an opportunity for you to shop, clean the house, bake, or relax without the children underfoot. Call Jill at the church office - 684-6266 to register your children. The cost is \$5.00 per child.

### **An Advent Quiet Afternoon**

December 14 - 1:30 - 5:30 p.m.

This afternoon offers time to reflect on the meaning of the Advent season as we wait for the anniversary of the birth of Christ, The Word made Flesh. The Rev. Elizabeth Canham will offer short reflections, music and readings to guide participants into silence. There will be brief times of conversation, but the intent is to enable each person to make her/his own journey on the Christ-path. We will conclude with Holy Eucharist.

There is no cost for this offering but donations will be welcomed for our Food Pantry ministry. Please sign up for the Quiet Afternoon by adding your name to the list in The Old Well Hall or calling the church at 684-6266.

### **Ladies' Night Out**

The Annual Ladies' Night Out and Ornament Exchange will be held Friday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Black Forest Restaurant on Hendersonville Road. Join us for dinner and fellowship. Bring a wrapped Christmas ornament to exchange. Women of all ages are invited to attend. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the women of the parish. If you can join us, call Buffey Smith at 273-6064 to make reservations.



## Annual Cookie Swap

Plan to bring your favorite Christmas cookies to swap with other folk in the parish after church on Sunday, December 18. Everyone brings just one type of cookie, but goes home with a variety of holiday treats. This is a wonderful opportunity to have many different cookies for the holidays without having to make them.

Call Buffey Smith at 273-6064 and tell her what kind of cookies you are bringing to avoid duplication. Bring at least three dozen cookies, a container to put your goodies in, and copies of the recipe to share with those gathered. We will sample the cookies and have cider and coffee after church.



## Celebrate Las Posadas & Hanging of the Greens

On December 21, at 6:00 p.m., we will gather for our traditional chili supper, and host parishioners from La Capilla de Santa Maria in Hendersonville, to celebrate Las Posadas, followed by the greening of the church. Las Posadas is a Mexican tradition where the holy family gets denied, then invited into a host home, followed by food, music and general merriment - and in our case decorating the church. The Posadas start December 16 and are celebrated each night until December 23. We will be the host for

the December 21 gathering.

During the greening, adults will drape ropes of greenery in the nave and chancel while the children, with help from adults and EYC members, will decorate the windows in the Old Well Hall and the corridor leading to the Old Well Hall.

**Branches of evergreens, holly, magnolias, and greenery with red berries are needed to decorate the windows.** Bring those with you on December 21.

This will be a potluck event. Sign up in the Old Well Hall to indicate what you will bring. In addition to the chili, we need grated cheese, sour cream, cornbread, crackers, carrot sticks, or dessert. We will provide peanut butter, jelly, and bread for folk who aren't chili fans. Bring the entire family for fellowship with our brothers and sisters from La Capilla.



## Give Blood: Together, We Can Save Lives

Calvary will host the Fletcher Community Blood Drive on December 9 from 2:30 - 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Did you know that only 5% of those who can give blood do? Let's help increase that percentage: if you are eligible, please consider donating. Patients depend on the generosity of people who are willing to give. There is no substitute for human blood.

Parishioners are also needed to work in the canteen, and escorts are needed to monitor folks after they have given blood and to walk with them to the canteen. Sandwiches, fruit, cookies, etc., are needed for the canteen. Sign up sheet in the Old Well Hall or call the church - 684-6266. If you have questions, see Georgiana Shorman or Jill Meares.

# Enneagram Workshop



Saturday, December 10, 9.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.

Cost: \$30. (members of Calvary Church \$10.) includes lunch

**The Workshop** – The first part of the workshop will be designed to familiarize participants with the Enneagram. We will discuss where the enneagram came from and its strengths and limits as a typology. Most of the introduction will involve our study together of each of the nine enneagram types. We will pay particular attention to the basic desires and fears that motivate each type and to healthy, average, and unhealthy embodiments of each type.

The second part of the workshop will be devoted to the enneagram as a tool for self understanding. Since the early 1970s, the modern enneagram has found a welcoming home in retreat centers and churches. Those on spiritual journeys have found the enneagram an uncanny assistant in developing the self knowledge essential for integrity in the contemplative and active life. We will be addressing this question: How can the enneagram be of practical help to me in my relationships with God, my family, and my church community?

**Preparing for the Workshop** – In preparation for the workshop, if you have access to the internet, take the Free Quest Test offered on the Enneagram Institute website, [www.enneagraminstitute.com](http://www.enneagraminstitute.com). You will find the link to the test in the blue column on the left side of the site. Be careful not to go to the tests that require you to pay. The test will suggest 3 enneagram types with which you can begin as you explore what your own type might be. Having these three possibilities will assist you as we explore the types in our introductory segment. (Note: If you do not have access to the internet, this is not essential!)

**The Presenter** – Jane Litzinger is currently a Spiritual Director and teacher about things spiritual. She retired in 2009 from the Department of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in Winston Salem, North Carolina. For twenty years Jane served there as a Chaplain and Chaplain Supervisor. She found the enneagram an exceptionally helpful self knowledge tool for the ministry students that she supervised and counseled through those years. Jane received her Master of Theology degree from Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis, Mo. She is a Board Certified Chaplain (Association of Professional Chaplains) and Clinical Pastoral Educator certified by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. Jane has studied the enneagram with Russ Hudson and Don Riso, through their writing and in person by participating in the workshops they provide through the Enneagram Institute. Jane is Roman Catholic laywoman and member of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Winston Salem.

## Christian Formation

### To Be Formed In The Image Of Christ

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Today, I made plans for the EYC to go to a Tree Farm to select a tree for the Old Well Hall. Are we ready for this? Next Sunday, will be the first Sunday of Advent. The first season of the new church year, 1 Advent is the fourth Sunday before Christmas. We have four weeks to prepare for the celebration of Jesus incarnation.

An Advent wreath can help us focus on the days of preparation before Christmas. Each week when we light an additional candle as we say our prayers, we mark the time of waiting and preparation for the coming of Jesus in our lives today just as he came over 2000 years ago as a baby in a manger.

The Advent wreath is full of symbolism. It is a circle to remind us that God has no beginning and no end. We use evergreens on the wreath to remind us that God's love is steadfast and that those who love God will live forever in God's presence.

We place four candles on the wreath one for each week, three purple or blue and one pink. Purple has long been the color of royalty. Only the emperor and his family wore purple because the dye was difficult to obtain. The use of purple or royal blue reminds us that we are preparing and watching for the coming (advent) of Christ the King. The pink candle represents Mary the mother of Jesus. On Christmas Eve we light a white candle in the center of the wreath as the "Christ Candle."

As we light the candles on the wreath during this season of Advent, let us recall the events leading up to the birth of Jesus and remember that Jesus changed the darkness of hatred and evil into the light of joy and love.

**Jill Meares**

**Coordinator of Christian Formation**

### St. Anne's Guild Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree will be in the foyer of the Parish Hall on Sunday, November 27. Please help us decorate it with hats and mittens (sizes 5 and below) for the children in Head Start. All contributions will be appreciated.



### EYC Angel Tree



The EYC's Angel Tree is now set up in the Old Well Hall. Select a gift card, purchase the gift requested, and bring it to the church with the card attached no later than 6:00 p.m. December 14. The EYC will wrap the presents that night after dinner, and we welcome those who would like to help wrap the presents.

If you have chosen an angel that requests a contribution towards a more expensive gift, the EYC shopping trip is scheduled for December 11, and it would be helpful to have all the funds in by that date. Also, if you would like to contribute money towards a gift card for food, we need that money/check by December 11, as well. Make checks payable to Calvary Episcopal Church and put Angel Tree in the memo line. **Please do not buy grocery gift cards as we will purchase one gift card for each family.** The amount will depend on the size of the family.

## Holiday Gift Alternative

Do you have friends or family whom you want to honor in a special way this year? Through the church you can make a donation to Heifer Project International or Habitat for Humanity in that person's honor. A contribution to Heifer Project will help to provide hope to people around the world by helping them become self-reliant. A donation to Habitat for Humanity will help to provide needed supplies to build an affordable house for a deserving family.

Select an ark (Heifer Project) or a house (Habitat) from the Angel Tree and return it to the office with the individual's name and address on the back along with a donation (\$10.00 minimum). Make checks payable to Calvary Episcopal Church, with the name of the organization on the memo line.

## Looking Ahead – Twelfth Night Pageant & Party

The annual parish Christmas pageant and party will be held on January 4, 2012, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall. We will gather for a potluck supper, followed by the pageant and Festival of Lights Service. At the end of the service, we will process outside to burn our Christmas greenery and bring to a close the Christmas season.

Sign up in the Old Well Hall to let us know what you might bring to share. If getting out at night is a problem, please let us know that as well. We will make plans to provide transportation for you.

## UTO

The United Thank Offering (UTO) Fall Ingathering will be held on Sunday, November 20. UTO provides funds for Episcopal Churches throughout the USA and the world to enhance their ministries and mission. Last year, the Diocese of Western North Carolina received a grant to provide web cams to enable all the small Episcopal churches in the Diocese attend seminars and conferences via the internet. Other grants provide funds for ministries in youth programs, equipment for food pantries and shelters for the homeless, provisions for the physically disabled, expansion of community outreach programs, etc. Every penny collected through ingatherings is used for grants and generates no overhead expense for the national office.

Envelopes will be available in church on Sunday.

If you wish to contribute but won't be in church, send a check today. Checks should be made out to Calvary with UTO in the memo line.



## Food Pantry

Special thanks to all of you who donated time, talent and turkeys to the Thanksgiving edition of the Food Pantry. It was a great success! The Pantry will be closed on November 26 and reopen on December 2.

## Wednesday Evening



### Food & Formation

On November 23, we will take a break for Thanksgiving. On November 30 and December 7, Dr. Ben Zeller will present a two-part series on Food and Religion. In this series we will sample from a rich menu of religious approaches to food, asking how the major religions have used food to structure the lives, practices, and beliefs, of their people. We will look at Jewish Kashrut (kosher laws), Hindu Prasadam (food offerings), and Christian approaches to food from the Lord's Supper to medieval fasts. Everyone eats, and everyone talks about eating. This should be an interesting program.

Dr. Zeller's research and teaching focuses on religious currents that are new or alternative, including new religions, the religious engagement with science, and the quasi-religious relationships people have with food. He serves as Director of the Honors Program, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, and Coordinator of the Religion and Philosophy Major at Brevard College.

Join us on these Wednesday nights for dinner, fellowship, and informative and engaging programs. Dinner is at 6:00, with the program following. Dinner is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 10 and under. Remember to sign up each week by noon on Tuesday.

## ASDMO

The All Saints Day Memorial Offering is given in memory or honor of friends and family. Following are the dedications we received this year:

### In Memory of:

- \* Charlie W. Rosson & Dunlap Rosson, brother, nephew & godson
- \* The Reverend Charles M. Furlow III
- \* Jane Graham, mother
- \* Hugh Heavner
- \* Mr. & Mrs. J. Paul Jaquette, and Mr. & Mrs. C.H. Sloat
- \* Fallen Heroes of the U.S.
- \* Eugenia & Foster MacKenzie, Jr.; Robert Barry & Foster MacKenzie III
- \* Dona Powers
- \* Alison Woodrow
- \* McGrath & Charocopos Family
- \* Family Members
- \* Bill Burnette
- \* Marie & Gary Juedes
- \* Mark Bjorlie
- \* Reginald Bush Smith
- \* Marie Goodwin

### In Honor of:

- \* Cameron Marshall Furlow

## Thanks!

Many thanks to John & Victoria Sampson for the large projection TV and the 12 foot Christmas tree they have donated to the church. We'll put them to good use.

## **Calvary Prayer List**

### **Immediate Concerns**

Irene Kehres, Leslie Brown, Corda Maney, Misty Sharpe, Maggie Lee Roberts, Bob & Trudy Woodruff, Nancy Jacobi, Lenny Dimaio, Cheryl Hudson, Ben Wald, Bill Easterling, Joseph Younger, Emma Grace Younger, Joanne Blair, Ellen Mashewske, Victoria Sampson, Julia Williams, Marie Schmittner, Rhett Grotzinger, Patricia Kingston, Betty Simmons, Kathy Noyes, Jeanne Taylor, Penny Jones, Christie Hunt, Carrie Ball, Mike Stevens, Nancy Clark, June Wolfe, Bill & Jean Marberger, Tonya, Lacy, Jon, Carrie, Scott, Bruce, Christopher, Dorothy, Misty

### **Ongoing Prayer Requests**

Geoffrey Baer, Bob Levine, Bob Gibson, Warren Peterson, Doug Metzler, Ed Hartke, Waymon & Dorothy Pritchard, Richard & Susan Romine & family, Brenda & Randy Vinson, Henry Meares, Bill Hickling, Clelia Savarino, Dot Kerr, Toby Roylance, Helen Diggs, Celestine Rhodharmer, Lou Luther, Tracy Iurato, Martha Emery, Irene Presley, Kay Levine, Ruby Ledbetter, Norma Gaddy, Anna Koster, Barbara Burkhardt; those seeking Holy Orders, especially Jill Meares

### **Departed**

The Rev. Barry Kramer

### **Those Serving in the Armed Forces**

Garrett Miller, Lynn Holmbeck deHaan, Josh Wright, Jeremy Miller, Tommy Brooks, Ben Heffron, Terry Johnson, Matthew Lockwood, David Edwards, Cynthia & Brian Lauer, Randy Hart, Sasha Petro, Aaron Huber, Sidney Lyda, Tiffany & Brandon Archuleta, Joe Hough, Jay Dosker, Russell Everitt