



Calvary News

December 1, 2016

Calvary's Angel Tree

If you would like to participate in offering help to families in need, Calvary has its Angel Tree set up in the Old Well Hall. There are gift ideas listed on Angel tags for children aged 6-14 from a Henderson County school, as well as items needed for clients served by Helpmate, a domestic violence agency in Buncombe County. Please plan to bring the unwrapped items you have purchased to Calvary no later than Sunday, December 11, and include the Angel tag with the item. If you have any questions, please call Diane Crisp at 777-9884.



Advent Book Study

Fr. Rian is leading a study of the book, *Being Christian: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer*, by The Rt. Rev. and Rt. Hon. Dr. Rowan Williams, on the four Wednesdays in Advent. He will hold the book study at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

In the evening there will be a meal, paid for by donations. We could also use help with set-up and clean-up.

If you're interested, you can still attend - join us this Wednesday.

Upcoming Events

- g **Dinner with Santa** - the St. Nicholas Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Sunday evening. If you don't have a ticket, please make plans to join us next year!
- g **A Candlelight Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist** will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 24.
- g **The Christmas Day Lessons & Carols and Holy Eucharist** will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 25.

Stewardship

Please prayerfully consider making a 2017 Estimate of Giving to help further the goals and ministries of Calvary Church. Cards are available in the back of the church and in the Old Well Hall; or call the parish office at 684-6266 and we can send you one. Drop the completed card in the plate on Sunday, or drop it by the office.



Health Ministry Notes

“Every good and perfect gift is from above coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights”- James 1:17

As we enter the season of Advent, we need to remember that Advent is a time of hope, peace, joy and love; not mounds of gifts, chaotic rounds of parties, or copious amounts of food. Many times we lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas. We become like the harried mother who was shopping with her children, she expressed her frustration by stating that whoever created Christmas should be strung up and shot. A bystander reminded her that someone had already crucified him.

Even though God gives all we need for a happy, healthy life, we tend to disturb it by ‘spending’ and ‘observing’ the holiday on human terms. What holiday traps take up your time: “need to,” “should do,” “want to,” and “expected to?” Which ones really address the Christmas spirit? Which ones distract you from the true meaning of Christmas? Which ones stress you out?

Don’t let commercialism or stress overshadow the gifts of love and sharing that you offer your loved ones. Joyful giving does not mean ruining your credit rating, jeopardize your ability to pay your utilities, or cause marital strife from poor finances. Remember the spirit of Christmas; share your presence with others, volunteer with programs that give to others.

Find ways to enjoy your family and ways to reduce your stress. Create meaningful traditions that demonstrate God’s love and incorporate the changes in the family as they mature and develop families of their own. Above all, remember the best gift you can give is yourself- show love and being supportive, and present. Also give the gifts of time... worshipping together, rest and relaxation, forgiveness, living a healthy lifestyle, listening and being present and sharing humor.

On the fourth Saturday of each month, Linda Wozniak, RD, LDN is available for nutrition counseling, as is an RN for blood pressure screening. In addition, a nurse is available for blood pressure screening on the second Sunday after services.

- Betty Robbins, RN, Parish Nurse





Book Club News

We are looking forward to reading some great books this winter. All are welcome to join us at Baabals in Fletcher on these first Fridays at 11:30 a.m. for fellowship, discussion and lunch. Our next read is:

January 5 – *At the Water's Edge*, by Sara Gruen: fiction by local author of *Water for Elephants* set in WWII era Scotland.

Coffee Hour Hosts Always Needed

Coffee Hour is a great time to say hello to others and grab a bite to eat with friends and soon-to-be friends. This is an important way to welcome newcomers and strengthen ties with other parishioners. Fancy food is not required, and the Weekend Sexton will help with set-up and coffee. Please sign up this Sunday to host coffee hour in the Old Well Hall. Everyone will be glad you did.



Calvary's Garden Project

Earlier this year, a professional landscape design was created for the gardens around the church and Old Well Hall, paid for by a generous donation from a parishioner. The drawings are on display in the Old Well Hall. This spring, the Landscape Committee began planting the gardens. In order to fund the rest of the project, the Landscape Committee is offering parishioners and friends the opportunity to “purchase” plants in the gardens in memory of, in thanksgiving for, or in honor of a loved one. Please consider a donation to help us continue planting our gardens and beautifying our church. We want our grounds to speak of love and welcome. Questions? Talk to Beth Lifka, Leo Bjorlie or Linda Mayhew.

Food Pantry News

★ Remember that the Food Pantry will serve clients beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 10, due to the Fletcher Christmas parade. This is a one-time change. Remember also that the Food Pantry will be closed on Saturday, December 24.

Calvary Prayer List

Immediate Concerns - Liz Canham, Brian Warnicke, Jack Clontz, John Pirich, Dawn Creasman, Angelo Savarino, Robbie Ivey, Warren Peterson, Dorlyn Ball, John Southern, Jonathan Benson, Sylvie Martin, Gwen Williams, Dale Abeling, Maeve Galligan, Guy Kirby, Tammy Asch, Tony Wicker, Lynette Walters, John Bodenhorst, Christopher Gant, Joan Schelly, Charles Huges, Nan May, Rebecca Taylor, Rick Hensley, Rusty Wagstaff, Jenny Hatcher, Gary, Ellen, Hattie, Linda, David, Tim, Carolyn, Rebecca, Virginia

Ongoing Prayer Requests - Larry Ficker, Emily Kanipe, Hilde Gibson, Margot East, Terri Traw, Micki Ahlin, Cameron Furlow, Ann Fagan, Jo Furlow, Helen Diggs, Peggy Smith, Kay Nesbitt, Rick Garcia, Clelia Savarino, Julia Williams

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A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation

Founded in 1859, we are members of the Body of Christ,
the worldwide Anglican Communion, and the Episcopal Church in the USA.

We are part of the Diocese of Western North Carolina

The Right Reverend José McLoughlin, *Bishop of Western North Carolina*

The Reverend W. Rian Adams, *Rector*

Anne Spruance - *Office Administrator*

Philip Dettra - *Director of Music*

Sharon Tenty - *Bookkeeper*

Jon Lloyd - *Sexton*

Dylan McSwain - *Weekend Sexton*

The Vestry

Sue Ackman - 2017	Jennifer Hall - 2017
Tom Best - 2019	Bo Harris - 2019
Irene Bishop - 2016	Ted Hill - 2016
Leo Bjorlie - 2018	Callie Otten - 2016
Diane Crisp - 2019	Kathy Noyes - 2019
Iris Durell - 2018	Lois Pryor - 2018
Janet Edwards - 2017	Dan Vining - 2017
Jack Grant - 2018	Mary Ann Willingham - 2016

Janet Edwards, Senior Warden + Jack Grant, Junior Warden + Ted Hill, Treasurer



Mission Statement: Calvary Episcopal Church is a gathering
of those seeking to follow Jesus and to serve the world.



Worship

Sundays

8 a.m. & 10.30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
6 p.m. Taizé - 2nd Sunday

Tuesdays

12 noon - Centering Prayer

Wednesdays

10 a.m. - Holy Eucharist & Healing
4.00 p.m. - Lectio Divina

Christian Formation

Sundays

9.30 a.m. - Adult Classes
10:30 a.m. - Children's Chapel

Wednesdays

11:00 a.m. - Advent Book Study
4.00 p.m. - Lectio Divina
6:00 p.m. - Advent Book Study