



Calvary News

June 1, 2017

“There’s a sweet, sweet spirit in this place. . . .”

As I sat in my designated place on Sunday morning I suddenly realized I was worshiping in the space in a very particular way. A way that invited me to hear the words of this sweet hymn ... and the words came gently and easily... “there’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place. . . .”

As I reflect on my time with you and leaning-in to my diaconal ministry, I am filled with gratitude and words that come easily, gently... always expectant of how the Gospel will continue to invite us in to our lives and ministry together. I am not surprised, that on the heels of my personal loss and your response to that loss, I walk into Pentecost Sunday with a warm sense of descending Spirit. The kind of Spirit that invites us in to love of self and of one another in this confounded, provocative and gentle was of Jesus. It is difficult to express my gratitude for your recent response so I must trust, as Meister Eckhart suggests, that “thank you will suffice.”



Can you believe that I have been in your midst now for four months?! That translates to 17 Sundays, 12 Monday “Teas with the Deacon,” two funerals, four Taizé Services; the seasons of Ordinary time, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost; coffee hours that nail down the fullness of fellowship; pastoral care via phone calls, prayer, healing intercession, and anointing; the plant sale (and dirt between my toes for weeks); the distribution of prayer squares; ministry exposure to Kairos West, Room in the Inn, Pardee hospital PATHS unit; some of you coming for Spiritual Direction; and interest now being shown for the diaconate.

Oh my goodness... the places we can go when entertaining Spirit, when greeted by the spirit of hospitality and possibility at the door. As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday and transition to Ordinary time, may we imagine all that is extraordinary when we open our hearts to the gift of Spirit that washes over us both in our capacity to give and to receive.

– Blessing and peace, Deacon Jacque

Visit Our Refurbished Nursery

Our parish is growing again, and our updated and refurbished Children’s Nursery officially opens on June 4. Its hours are 9:30 - 12:00 noon on Sundays. Special thanks to Diane Crisp and Callie Otten for all their hard work. Please stop in and see our upgrades and improvements.

Funeral Planning Workshop

Sunday, June 11 after the 10:30 service in the Parish Hall.

Interest in this topic has been so intense, we are holding another workshop for those who missed the first one.

“The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds its meaning in the resurrection.” These words, and others, from the *Book of Common Prayer* stand at the core of Calvary’s approach to planning a service of the Burial of the Dead. We have designed a Funeral Customary that will help uphold the dignity and reverence of the Sacraments, as well as provide a basis for a consistent and proper celebration of the life of a member of the Body of Christ, while also satisfying the needs of those who mourn.

Please join us as we continue the conversation on funeral planning.

School Supplies for Food Pantry Clients

Throughout the month of June, the St. Anne’s Guild will be collecting school supplies and/or monetary contributions to purchase school supplies, which will be distributed at the Food Pantry on Saturday, July 29. The generous support of this program by members of our congregation in the past allowed us to provide each student with all of the required supplies and a backpack.



Starting the first Sunday in June, lists of needed items will be posted in the Old Well Hall and on the bulletin board outside the Parish Hall.

Totes will be available in the Old Well Hall and outside the ladies room near the Parish Hall for your contributions.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make checks out to Calvary Episcopal Church, with *St. Anne’s school supplies* in the memo line.

If you need additional information, please contact Bonnie Spivey the Project Coordinator at 828-667-9437.

June Lunch Bunch

The Calvary Lunch Bunch will meet at Olive Garden on Airport Road on Friday, June 23 at 11:30 a.m. If you’d like to join us, please call Adrienne Haycock at 678-522-9325 by Wednesday, June 21 for reservations.

Food Pantry News

During the month of May, 440 families made up of 1,409 individuals were served at the Calvary Food Pantry. This was made possible thanks to your donations of food and money, and your many hours of volunteering. We couldn't have done it without you.

The first Sunday of each month will now be **Food Pantry Sunday**. This is your opportunity to bring canned goods or monetary donations. Fr. Rian will announce when and where to bring your contributions during the service. So please use Sunday, May 7 as an opportunity to support our ministry of feeding the hungry.

We can use donations of canned or dried fruit, 5-10 lb. bags of sugar, coffee, nuts, and popcorn, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Another way to give to the food pantry is to volunteer. Visit <http://signup.com/go/MgvDQc> to volunteer.

Consider helping us stock food on Tuesday, June 6 and 20 at 8:30 a.m. after the Manna delivery truck arrives.



Watch a Baseball Game and Help the Food Pantry

We have discount, general admission tickets for the Asheville Tourists home games. \$8.00 tickets are available through the Food Pantry for \$7.00 per ticket. Plus, for each ticket sold, the Tourists will donate \$3.50 to the Pantry! The tickets are good for any home game except July 4th or Thirsty Thursday games.

The tickets are available from a Food Pantry committee member or after

both services in the Old Well Hall.

Food Pantry Benefit Concert

Save the date! On Sunday, July 13, at 3:00 p.m., Nolan Anthony will be performing a virtuoso piano and organ concert in the sanctuary at Calvary to benefit the Food Pantry.

Health Ministry Notes

May God's richest blessings be with you in this beautiful month of June. This month's focus is on Financial Health. Money management can be difficult for many of us.

There are many references in the Bible about financial health. Two thirds of Jesus' parables deal directly with teachings on finance and material resources. In Matthew 6: 31-33, Jesus tells us, "So do not worry, saying 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'. . .but seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."



Some things to remember is:

1) That God is owner of all. We may believe this, but many of us struggle in reflecting it in our financial planning.

2) Life is a process. . .so plan ahead. We don't know what the future holds, but we need to develop a stewardship plan for tomorrow.

3) Learn more about financial planning, understanding basic bookkeeping and ways to save and purchase homes and cars. Remember, we need to spend less than we earn and it is better to earn interest than pay it. Christian financial planning invites a faith response, asking the Lord to help us in living day by day.

If I can be of any help to you and your family, please contact me. I would like to share in your burdens and talk with you about your questions and concerns and provide other ideas and resources.

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 in the vesting room.

- Betty Robbins, RN, Parish Nurse

Updated Parish Directory

We're getting ready to publish a new parish telephone directory. If you have any changes to address, phone number(s), or email addresses, please call Anne in the Parish Office at 684-6266 as soon as possible. I hope it can be up-to-date on the day of publication, at the very least!

Calvary Prayer List

Immediate Concerns

Bob Reamy, Diana Walgreen, Jim Charocopos, Joanne Burke, Marsha Ring, Walter McGuire, Micki Ahlin, Jack Clontz, Dawn Creasman, Angelo Savarino, Robbie Ivey, Dorlyn Ball, Gwen Williams, Maeve Galligan, Tammy Asch, John Bodenhorst, Christopher Gant, Joan Schelly, Charles Huges, Nan May, Rebecca Taylor, Rick Hensley, Jenny Hatcher, Joe, Chase, Heather, Gary, Ellen, Hattie, Linda, David, Tim, Carolyn, Rebecca

Ongoing Prayer Request

Barbara Smith, Jacqueline Matthews, Dale Abeling, Bonnie McGuire, Melinda LeRoy, Paul Dehnert, Tony Wicker, Steve & Kay Nesbitt, Rusty Wagstaff, Larry Ficker, Terri Traw, Cameron Furlow, Ann Fagan, Jo Furlow, Helen Diggs, Peggy Smith, Rick Garcia, Clelia Savarino, Julia Williams

If You Have a Pastoral Emergency

Please call Fr. Rian at 850-272-0605, or email him at radams@calvaryfletcher.org.

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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 Very Reverend W. Rian Adams, *Rector*

The Reverend Deacon Jacqueline Combs, *Deacon*

Anne Spruance - *Office & Churchyard Administrator*

Philip Dettra - *Director of Music*

Sharon Tenty - *Bookkeeper*

Dylan McSwain - *Sexton*

The Vestry

Sue Ackman - 2017
Tom Best - 2019
Leo Bjorlie - 2018
Diane Crisp - 2019
Iris Durell - 2018
Janet Edwards - 2017

Jack Grant - 2018
Jennifer Hall - 2017
Bo Harris - 2019
Kathy Noyes - 2019
Lois Pryor - 2018

Sue Ackman, 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

4.00 p.m. - Lectio Divina