



Calvary News

November 15, 2017

Advent Food and Formation

Advent is the season of patient expectation, but the wait for Food and Fellowship is over! On December 6, we will begin a three-week introduction to the Gospel of Mark. We will be hearing selections from Mark's gospel in the Sunday lectionary throughout the coming year. This is an opportunity to get acquainted with the text as well as to explore how Episcopalians encounter scripture. Dinner will begin at 6:00, with the program following and childcare provided. Several groups have expressed interest in hosting an evening by providing a simple meal and being responsible for clean-up, so let Fr. J. know soon if you are part of a group that would like to host.



Upcoming Events



No Eucharist on Wednesday, November 22.

Thanksgiving Eucharist on Thursday, November 23 at 10:30 a.m.



St. Nicholas Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, December 3. Purchase your tickets today.



Advent Retreat will be held on Saturday, December 16 at 10:30 a.m.



Sunday, December 24 morning services will be combined. We will have one service at **9:30 a.m.**



A Candlelight Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 24.



Christmas Day Eucharist will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 25.



A Christmas Lessons & Carols and Holy Eucharist will be held at **9:30 a.m.** on Sunday, December 31.

We are Looking for Vestry Candidates

If you would like to submit a nomination, or wish to be considered as a nominee, please submit the name (with his or her permission) to a Vestry member. Please prayerfully consider those with the skills and interests who will best serve the needs of Calvary as a member of the Vestry. An informational training meeting about the parish and Vestry and roles and responsibilities of Vestry members will be offered prior to the election. Attendance of nominees will be required, even if you have previously served on the Vestry. This will occur on a Sunday between the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services, with the date to be announced.



The Brother's Corner

As a religious brother, I have taken vows of service to the poor and marginalized. I live out these vows through my ministry at Calvary Church and at the Church of the Advocate in downtown Asheville. I feel blessed that my current schedule allows for me to be a part of both churches through an alternating weekly schedule. What an honor it is to be a part of two churches that live out Matthew 25 ("Whatever you do to the least of these, you do it to me."). So if you don't see me at Calvary, know I am at Church of the Advocate, but will be back at Calvary the next week.

I would like to take a moment to thank Calvary Church parishioners again for your support during our annual fund raiser dinner and silent auction at the Church of the Advocate. We had a full house at the event and raised over \$18,000. This money will fund our free counseling program and our job works program. We offer free counseling every Thursday to the homeless and marginalized with a licensed counselor from All Souls Counseling. Calvary has been a huge supporter of our job works program, inviting the crew this fall to work on the labyrinth and deep clean the Food Pantry.

I would like to thank you also for filling the donation barrels (in the Pantry hall) with needed items for the Church of the Advocate's hygiene clinic and shoe closets. Please remember that we no longer take clothing. Please take all your unneeded clothing to the Salvation Army, Goodwill, or another charity.

At the current time, the Church of the Advocate is in need of the following items: disposable razors, shaving cream, bar soap, tooth paste, denture adhesive, hand lotion, and hair shampoo. The Church of the Advocate is a mission of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina and is dedicated to serving the homeless and marginalized. It offers the following services: reflective art, Sunday Holy Eucharist Service, nurses clinic, hygiene closet, shoe closet, Sunday meal, Lectio Divina prayer service, Monday brunch, free counseling service, and the job works program.

- In Christ, Brother John Huebner

Pick Up Your Stewardship Information

Check the boxes in the Old Well Hall for a letter addressed to you, and follow the instructions inside. Calvary Church is an active, vibrant, spiritual church which will soon be celebrating its 160th anniversary. We thank you in advance for your generosity of service and gifts so that Calvary Church can continue its mission and ministry well into the future.



NOTE: There are two new marked handicapped parking places in the second row of parking spaces, close to the Well Hall and the front door. Please honor them!



St. Nicholas Dinner Update

Adult tickets are \$10, and children 12 and under are free. Please register yourself and your children on the appropriate forms when you buy your tickets. Table Hosts for the St. Nicholas dinner still needed. Please sign up in the Old Well Hall.

Your St. Nicholas Committee is excited about the upcoming dinner on December 3 at 6:00 p.m. The St. Nicholas Dinner Celebration provides an opportunity to visit with members of Calvary who we might not know, especially those who attend a different service.

Therefore, you will notice a few changes for this year's dinner. When you buy your tickets, please sign up so we know who is coming. The Committee will arrange the seating; couples and adult children will be seated together. If you are bringing guests who are not Calvary members, indicate that when you register so they can be seated with you. Hosts will receive a list of those assigned to their table prior to the dinner.



When you arrive on December 3, look for your name card. Table hosts will be responsible for extending a welcome and hospitality to those assigned to their table and will provide decorations, such as a table centerpiece you would use for a holiday dinner party, with all tables using the parish tablecloths and place settings.

Children will have their own celebration in the Children's Chapel, but will join the adults for dessert and the eagerly anticipated visit from St. Nicholas. Questions? See Anne Rodgers, Bill Swann, or Marilyn Bradt.

An Advent Benedictine Day

Saturday, December 16 from 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

As we approach the Christmas season we will focus on the theme of Mary's song in Luke 1:46-55 in which she offers praise to the God who has "lifted up the lowly." Benedict created a rule so that by living simply, the brothers might use their resources to welcome the poor and serve all who came in need. As a symbol of our own concern for those in need at this season we are invited to bring items for the Calvary Food Pantry or a donation to this ministry. Please join us.



Calvary's Angel Tree 2017

If you would like to participate in offering help to children and families in need, Calvary will have its Angel Tree set up in the Old Well Hall shortly after Thanksgiving. There will be gift ideas listed on Angel tags for children of all ages that are needed for the clients served by CARING for Children, a nonprofit in Buncombe County that supports children and families in crisis by providing care, shelter, education, and treatment. Please plan to bring the unwrapped items you have purchased to Calvary no later than Wednesday, December 13, and include the Angel tag with the item. If you have any questions, please call Diane Crisp at 828-777-9884.

Food Pantry News



We are buying eggs from MANNA, which means we need egg cartons again. Please put your cartons in the Food Pantry donation drums in the Food Pantry hall.

December Lunch Bunch

Calvary's Lunch Bunch will meet at P.F. Chang's in Biltmore Park on Friday, December 8 at 11:30 a.m. Please call Candice Ficker at 230-3340 by Monday, December 4 if you plan to come. Note the earlier deadline for reservations.

We are having an ornament exchange at our December get-together, so it's important that we know how many will be joining us. Please bring a wrapped Christmas ornament (less than \$10 value) to exchange with others at the lunch. Since parking near the restaurant is tight, we can carpool from the church parking lot.



December Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Friday, December 1 at Baabals at 11:30 a.m. to discuss *Woman of God*, by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro. All are welcome to join us for food and fellowship as we share our thoughts about this exciting and inspirational novel.

Side by Side Singing

Are you dreaming of a White Christmas? Longing to wish *Joy to the World*? Come sing about it with Side by Side Singing on Tuesdays, December 5 and 12 at 2:00 pm. You will find us in the Parish Hall.

Songleaders Jan Mallindine on guitar and Ruthie Rosauer on piano will lead you in singing Christmas favorites. Sessions are free. For more information about Side by Side Singing, see www.SideBySideSinging.wordpress.com

If you'd like to help provide cookies and fruit for hungry singers, please sign up in the Old Well Hall.

Christmas Kneeler Cards

It's Christmas Card Time, and we have kneeler cards available. They are the same Christmassy design and empty inside so you can write your own note. \$10 for a pack of ten.

Pick them up in the Parish Office.



Knitting 101 Continues

Join us on Monday, November 20 at 9:00 a.m. for our beginner's knitting class, along with the Knit-along for more experienced crafters working on prayer squares and shawls. This is becoming a special time every other week; please join us!

Hosts for BOTH Coffee Hours Desired

A mere four dozen cookies or mini-cupcakes can bring happiness to those who attend the 10:30 service, while the 8:00 parishioners might need less volume but a little more substance. Homemade or store-bought, it's all fine! Coffee, set-up and clean-up are handled by the sexton - just give him some direction. Sign up in the Old Well Hall or call the parish office at 684-6266.

Dear Calvary Church:

We are moving to Beaufort, SC this week and just wanted to thank Calvary, collectively and individually, for welcoming us so warmly for the past year and a half. From the first Sunday we visited in the summer of 2016, you all reached out and embraced us, making us feel not only accepted but wanted. What a living testimony to loving your neighbor! Thank you for making us a part of your family and please forgive us for not being more active. We know we would have been even more enriched doing God's will alongside such faithful companions. Please know we take your ministry with us and have a renewed commitment to Christ because of you.

- Lea & John Duncan

Calvary Prayer List

Immediate Concerns

Greyson Franklin, Mary Davis, Jean Story, Anne Gettys, Brenda Nash, Tina Lisenbee, Flo Speidell, Jim Charocopos, Betty Robbins, Jack Combs, Christa Breiner, Bill Perkins, Bob Reamy, Joanne Burke, Walter McGuire, Dawn Creasman, Robbie Ivey, Dorlyn Ball, Gwen Williams, Tammy Asch, John Bodenhorst, Joan Schelly, Nan May, Rebecca Taylor, Rick Hensley, Jenny Hatcher, Dave, Katherine, Joe, Chase, Heather, Gary, Ellen

Ongoing Prayer Requests

Wendy Barber, Peggy Smith, Jacqueline Matthews, Dale Abeling, Bonnie McGuire, Paul Dehnert, Tony Wicker, Steve & Kay Nesbitt, Rusty Wagstaff, Larry Ficker, Terri Traw, Cameron Furlow, Ann Fagan, Jo Furlow, Helen Diggs, Julia Williams

Departed

Jonathan Calhoun (stepson of Deacon Jacque Combs)

Deacon Jacque says: "Thank you to all who are in our midst and taking care of our family during this time of unimaginable loss. Thanks be to God for God's sustaining grace and peace and ... for Jonathan's life and legacy. Jonathan died in his sleep, early on Saturday November 11 due to complications from Type I Diabetes.

We will gather to share in worship and celebrate his life on Sunday, November 19 at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of All Souls."

Those who would like to contribute food items for Jacque and her family for this weekend, please bring it to the church as soon as possible and we will make sure it gets delivered. The Combs family needs help with food for Friday, Saturday and Sunday when they have out of town family to care for.

Marge Roome

The funeral will be held at Calvary on Friday, November 24 at 2:00 p.m. Memorial gifts will go to the Food Pantry.

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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 J. Clarkson, *Curate*
The Reverend Jacqueline Combs, *Deacon*

Anne Spruance - *Office & Churchyard Administrator*
Philip Dettra - *Director of Music*
Sharon Tenty - *Bookkeeper*
Dylan McSwain, Joe Auché - *Sextons*
Angela Montgomery, Amanda Davalos - *Nursery Workers*

The Vestry

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| Sue Ackman - 2017 | Jack Grant - 2018 |
| Tom Best - 2019 | Jennifer Hall - 2017 |
| Leo Bjorlie - 2018 | Bo Harris - 2019 |
| Diane Crisp - 2019 | Kathy Noyes - 2019 |
| Iris Durell - 2018 | Lois Pryor - 2018 |
| Janet Edwards - 2017 | |

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

Alternating Mondays

9.00 a.m. - Lectio Divina

Tuesdays

12 noon - Centering Prayer

Wednesdays

10 a.m. - Holy Eucharist & Healing

Christian Formation

Sundays

9.30 a.m. - Adult Classes
10:30 a.m. - Children's Chapel
12:00 noon - Deacon's Class

Alternating Mondays

9.00 a.m. - Lectio Divina