



Calvary News

August 15, 2018

A Word From The Priest-in-Charge

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

At our Annual Meeting in April, I talked about two areas that Calvary Church should pay close attention to this year: feeding the hungry and nurturing children and youth. Throughout this spring and summer, you have heard about, and been asked to join in, the work of raising up a new building for the Food Pantry. As that project continues, we are now ready to start a conversation about how Calvary can serve young people, families, and have a flourishing parish life for all generations in a 21st Century context.

To help facilitate this conversation, we



have invited a group called Ministry Architects to visit us on September 12 and 13. (You can learn more about their experience with helping churches do this type of discernment at www.ministryarchitects.com.) Ministry Architects will spend the majority of their time listening to a variety of groups within the church through focused listening groups. We hope to see participation in those groups from a broad spectrum of parents, volunteers, staff and people who want to see our young people and parish thrive. We want your insights, your frustrations and your dreams to be heard.

After spending two days in these listening groups (and taking copious notes), the Ministry Architects team will hunker down to write a report, sharing with us what they've heard about the our ministries – including assets, challenges, and how we compare to parishes around the country – and where it seems that God might be taking us next. In the evening on October 10, the report will be presented to the congregation, laying out specific recommendations and a blueprint for how to move forward. If you would like to be part of this process and have your voice heard, please contact the church office at 684-6266 or welcome@calvaryepiscopal.org.

When Christ wanted to illustrate what the Kingdom of God is like, he would bring a child, or a hungry person, into the center of the community. As Calvary turns its focus to being a reflection of that Kingdom in this time and place, we can also start with discerning gifts we have to share with young people, trusting that we will be led to an encounter with Christ in each other and the world.

Thanks and peace, J. Clarkson+

The August Supper will be held on Saturday, August 18 in the Parish Hall from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Please join us!

August Supper

Ticket prices:

Adults \$10.00

Children under 10, \$5.00.

There will be a choice of Mike's famous fried chicken or baked ham, grilled corn and lots of delicious side dishes and desserts. Please plan to join us!



A New Face at Calvary

One of the things I love about being an Episcopalian is the way in which our individual communities are connected to one another through the larger church. In this relationship, gifts flow both ways, and one gift we have to offer the church is to participate in raising up people for ordained ministry. I am excited that we get to welcome Ian Williams to Calvary for several months as he continues to discern a call to the priesthood. Starting in late August, he will be with us on Sunday mornings, and during the week from time to time, to experience Calvary and the work of preaching, teaching, and visiting with you. Please help him experience the warm hospitality of this place.

Thanks,

- J.

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Hi, my name is Ian Williams and I will be spending the next few months at Calvary Fletcher for the field placement portion of my ordained ministry discernment process. I am very excited to be able to spend some time with such an amazing congregation. I was born in Georgia and moved around a bit as a child, but spent my formative years in Tryon, NC. I am a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill and the National Outdoor Leadership School and currently work with Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministries as the Site Coordinator of the Hominy Valley Crisis Ministry Center, where we serve people in crisis in western Buncombe County. I live in Candler with my wife Sallie, our two children, Nora and Greyson, two dogs and soon a cat, and we love playing outside and eating pizza. Funny/corny jokes, good food, fishing, Liverpool FC, Carolina Panthers, and anything Tar Heel-related are direct flights to the center of my heart. My calling in life is to serve/help others and again I look forward to worshiping with you and learning together how to better live into Jesus Christ's call to Love God and Neighbor.

Health Ministry Committee Meeting

Sunday, September 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commons Room. All those interested in promoting mental, spiritual and physical education and prevention programs are invited to join us.

St. Anne's Speakers Forum Begins Next Month

St. Anne's Guild will be hosting a Speakers Forum: *Imitatio Christi*, starting in September of this year and running through November of 2019.

This forum will explore the rich multi-cultural heritage of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Western North Carolina – as to its people, and its mission, ministry, and outreach. On September 12, at 11:00 a.m., Fr. Hilario Cisneros, the Missioner for Spanish Speaking Ministries, and the Rector of La Capilla de Santa Maria in Hendersonville will be our first speaker. Fr. Cisneros will talk about his experience as a migrant sharing the journey with immigrant people; and “Building Bridges beyond the Rio Grande.” Come and share his journey and learn why he says that he is a “priest of the neighborhood.”

All presentations are free. We will serve light refreshments at a meet-and-greet after each presentation, providing an opportunity for fellowship. Please let us know if you are coming – sign up in the Old Well Hall on Sunday.

Walking with Bill Livingston

Seventeen folks from three parishes joined us for our first *Caminamos con Dios* (We Walk with God) Hike/Eucharist, experiencing God through the written Book and through the Book of Creation. Our next hike will be on Saturday, August 25, at the Pink Beds Loop Trail in Pisgah National Forest. Begin gathering at 8:45 a.m., with Eucharist/hike beginning at 9:00. We will walk the shortened version of the trail, approximately 3.1 miles, mostly flat. We will end at the picnic grounds at approximately noon with Liturgy of the Table followed by lunch. For directions and to learn more about *Caminamos con Dios*, link to <https://www.facebook.com/Caminamos-con-Dios-Hikes>, or, if you have questions, email the Rev. Bill Livingston at rector_bill@bellsouth.net.



Looking Ahead to Food & Formation



Is your love of food surpassed only by your love of inviting others to the table? If so, there is a special place for you at Calvary. Fr. J. would like your help in coordinating the cooks and cleaners who make our Food & Formation evenings possible. Please call the office at 684-6266 or email Fr. J. at jclarkson@calvaryfletcher.org if you are interested in fostering this time of fellowship for our parish.

Autumn Retreats

Mother Liz plans to offer two workshop/retreats this fall. Below is some information so you can lay your plans:

MEMORIES, DREAMS AND REFLECTIONS – September 27

The Bible is a gathering of many forms of literature from poetry to history to imaginative story telling. It recalls the coming together of a community struggling to remain faithful to the God they believed had called them to live together with compassion and love. But how are we to read and understand these diverse stories set in a time and place so different from our own? The workshop will address this question and offer ways in which the Bible can come alive to us through a variety of interactions with the story. Carl Jung called his memoir *Memories, Dreams and Reflections*; we will explore our own memories of God's grace, the dreams that have accompanied us



on the journey, and reflection will enable us to see surprising ways in which the Creator is with us and within us. By pondering Scripture and our own experience we will discover fresh insights into the profound relationship we have with the God who loves us - always. There will be brief times for journal work and discussion between the sessions - bring your journal or a note book and if you have actual dreams that have remained with you bring a copy of those also. There will be time to share some of these and you will be offered a model for reflecting on the wisdom of dreams. This workshop is for anyone who has been troubled by the Bible as well as for those who delight in the Scriptures. We will be invited to hear again the invitation of Jesus, to "Follow me" and to discover the riches of an intimate relationship with God.

ADVENT WITH BENEDICT – December 8

The monastic year of ongoing chanting, silence, work, and study is punctuated by great feasts and celebration of saint's days. Advent and Easter were preceded by an even more intense time of prayer and preparation of heart and mind to welcome the Christ and follow him more intentionally. On this Benedictine Day we take time out to still our bodies and minds leaving the busyness of Christmas in our culture, and reclaiming the relationship with God through Jesus who is always inviting us to go deeper into his love.

Programs are on Saturdays, from 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Bring your lunch and we'll provide drinks and dessert. A \$5 donation is greatly appreciated.

Making Donations to Calvary

We always gratefully appreciate donations made to the church. Sometimes, though, we have a little difficulty determining just where you want your donations to go. If a check is received with no note in the memo line, it is assumed the money was meant for the church, and gets deposited into that account.

If you want to designate any funds to the Food Pantry, for food and the operation of the pantry, please write "Food Pantry" in the memo line.

If you want to designate any funds to the Food Pantry Building Campaign, please write "Pantry Building" in the memo line.

This makes it much easier for our bookkeeper to get that money where it is intended to go.

Thanks for all your support, and thanks for your attention to this important detail.

- Fr. J.

Side By Side Singing

Do you enjoy singing? We hope you will come sing with us "Side by Side" this summer in the Parish Hall at Calvary. We sing such well-known songs as *Let Me Call You Sweetheart* and *Sentimental Journey*. Whether you are an experienced singer or able to read music ~ or not ~ you are welcome to join with us on Thursday, August 23 and 30. Sessions start at 2:00 p.m. All sessions are free and open to all. Come sing with us! **We like to have cookies and fruit for hungry singers; please sign up in the Old Well Hall.**

Blessing of the Backpacks Next Sunday

With our local public schools starting classes soon, Calvary will offer prayers for students and thanks for their teachers next Sunday, August 26, at the 10:30 service. Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks (or whatever they carry their school things in) for a special blessing during worship. Teachers, staff, and administrators will also receive special prayers. Please plan to be with us as we mark the beginning of another season of learning and growth.



Remember to Sign Up for Coffee Hour

We need your delicious treats and your participation! All we need from you is something to fill up those empty spaces until lunch - store-bought or homemade, it's all good. 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 Family:

Thank you so much for the cards, calls, prayers, and beautiful flowers following my knee surgery. Your care and concern mean so much. I feel very blessed to be part of this wonderful faith community.

Love in Christ,

Janet Edwards

If You Would Like to Write Mother Liz

You can send mail to: Room 102, Caringhouse, 2625 Pickett Road, Durham, NC 27705.

Calvary Prayer List

Immediate Concerns

Flo Speidell, Lori Seal, David Reece, John Carden, Bishop Michael Curry, Sally McCracken, Barbara Pearce, Mike Achille, Katie Chatham, Liz Canham, George Reamy, Nan May, Steve Nesbitt, Jo Furlow, Kit Galligan, Michael Mayhew, Pat Bishop, Iris Durell, Andrew Glasgow, Debbie Rogers, Cameron Furlow, Hazel Romine, Christa Breiner, Bill Perkins, Joanne Burke, Walter McGuire, Robbie Ivey, Gwen Williams, Tammy Asch, John Bodenhorst, Rebecca Taylor, Rick Hensley, Jenny Hatcher, Mary, Dave, Katherine, Joe, Chase, Gary, Ellen, Hattie, Tim, Carolyn, Rebecca

Ongoing Prayer Requests

Janet Edwards, Grace Glover, Bobbie Schmittner, Terri Traw, Mary Davis, Bob Mayhew, Hilde Gibson, Jack Combs, Dawn Creasman, Wendy Barber, Peggy Smith, Dale Abeling, Bonnie McGuire, Paul Dehnert, Kay Nesbitt, Rusty Wagstaff, Larry Ficker, Ann Fagan, Helen Diggs, Julia Williams

Those Who Put Themselves in Harm's Way on Our Behalf

Rachel & Chris Hall, Brian Hughes, Jonathan Robbins, Phil Williams, Phillip Brown, Kevin Johnson, Nicholas Hillhouse, Terry Johnson, John Presley, Jimmy Hall, Jonah Fore, Lane Thomas, Kameron Buchanan

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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 J. Clarkson, *Priest-in-Charge*

The Reverend Jacqueline Combs, *Deacon*

Anne Spruance - *Office & Churchyard Administrator*

Philip Dettra - *Director of Music*

Sharon Tenty - *Bookkeeper*

Dylan McSwain, Joe Aucho - *Sextons*

Amanda Davalos - *Nursery Worker*

The Vestry

Tom Best - 2019
Leo Bjorlie - 2018
Diane Crisp - 2019
Pat Galligan - 2020
Jack Grant - 2018

Emily Kanipe - 2020
Kathy Noyes - 2019
Lois Pryor - 2018
Zebbi Sampler - 2020

Kathy Noyes, 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

8:00 a.m. & 10.30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
6:00 p.m. Taizé - 2nd Sunday

Tuesdays

12:00 noon - Centering Prayer

Wednesdays

10:00 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
(*first Sunday of the month*)