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The mission of Calvary Episcopal Church is to be a loving, caring Christian community, living and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with our neighbors.

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Interim's Letter!

by the Reverend Dr. Linda Maloney

Dear People of Calvary,

We have embarked together on a wonderful journey! Although our bark may be an iceboat just now, we should be in open water by spring with the favorable wind of the Holy Spirit always on our quarter, blowing where s/he wants us to go. I am not the captain, the helmsman/woman, or the said handler on this boat, but only the pilot – helping to keep you on course and off the rocks and sandbars, to help you discern the direction of the wind – in short, to help you stay on course until you take your new skipper on board.

In all this, as you'll notice, the operative word for what I offer is "help" – the doing, the discerning is yours to do.

I will do my best to be a good interim pastor to you, and I ask that you let me know when I am not meeting your expectations – and when I am, of course, I like to hear that too! Above all, let's be sure, together, that we

keep the process of discernment Spirit-filled (which often means "lighten up!") and joyful

(for which good food and good company is always essential).

Blessings for the journey,

Your interim,

Linda Maloney †

Services January and Early February

- **Sunday, January 17:** The Second Sunday after the Epiphany. Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.
- **Sunday, January 24:** The Third Sunday after the Epiphany. Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.
- **Sunday, January 31:** The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany. Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.
- **Sunday, February 7:** The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany. Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.
- **Sunday, February 14:** The last Sunday after the Epiphany. Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.

Other Important Holy Days

- **January 18:** Confession of Saint Peter the Apostle
- **January 25:** The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle
- **February 2:** The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple
- For scriptural readings for these holy days, see BCP, pgs. 996-997

Thoughts and Prayers

Please remember in your prayers: Jim Bresee, Betty (Malone) Burkart, The family of Amy Bombard, Margaret Connelly and

family, Joseph and Catherine Lawsing, Susan Lehman, Sally Marcotte & family, Marta Mares & family, Allison McGahren, Shirley Strong, Lindsay Waiksnoris, Margaret Webster, Kenny and Alix Wiggin, all of our college students, and all of our military men and women, home and abroad, especially Jesse Arbogast, Aaron Decker, Jessie Decker (will be home from Iraq in 6 months), and Scott Jackson (has just returned from Iraq).

The Warden's Corner

It feels like it is only appropriate to start off 2010 with some thanks! What a job everyone did to make Christmas a wonderful time at Calvary. First, a general thank you to all who did such great work to make the church look incredibly beautiful once again for Christmas. I tell people that I sometimes think the church was built with Christmas in mind – it really is lovely. At the risk of forgetting someone, I do have a couple of specific thank yous. To Laura and the kids and everyone that helped – the pageant was wonderful, and I think I saw a smile on every face during the early service. Thank you for making it so special. To John and Laurel – the music was wonderful! Thank you to Linda for being able to so quickly step in and help to make our Advent and Christmas so fine. And thank you to the whole community for making her feel so welcome and comfortable. I predict good work being done together.

And speaking of work (I know – pretty obvious segue there) it is time to really start thinking and planning for what promises to be a busy year. The capital campaign is, for the most part, behind us now. A few more donations would be gratefully received, but

the work on the projects will continue this spring, with the excavation work and new carpeting. With the roof project completed, we have positioned the physical plant to continue well into the future.

Now the work begins on the discernment process to call a priest to Calvary. This is going to take a full effort, and it begins with the Annual Meeting on January 24. I realize that we all have a lot going on, but please try to come to the meeting. We need you there and we need your help. It is time to put together the Discernment Committee. While some members of the Vestry will most probably serve on the Committee, we need others to participate in this. This is your chance to be part of the process in calling our new priest! It is a process that calls on people who care about the future of the church to become involved and help guide the decisions to be made. So please, please, please, join us and be part of the process. To succeed, it will take a community-wide effort!

My best wishes to you and your families for a wonderful New Year!

Peace & blessings,

Chuck

Announcements:

Annual Meeting

Please join us on Sunday, January 24 for Calvary's Annual Meeting immediately following the Eucharist. Elections will be held during the meeting for Diocesan convention delegates and alternates. Coffee hour will take place upstairs, while child care will take place in the undercroft. Please have all committee reports in to Karen by Sunday, January 17 at the latest. Be sure to pick up your copy of our Annual Report, which will include our year end Financial Report for 2009 and our proposed 2010 Budget.

Men's Group Meeting

Calvary Men's Group will meet on Wednesday, January 20, at 6:00 p.m. at John Koier's house: 15 Pine Ridge Road in Underhill Center. Hands-on experimental cooking is going to be the highlight of the

evening. No culinary skills or experience required for this event to be a success. Participants are encouraged to bring some brews to share, and it wouldn't hurt to bring a fire extinguisher. A pot of chili will be provided. Oh, and no drums or fire arms please. There were a lot of complaints in the neighborhood after the last event.

P.S.: My wife wants me to remind everyone that she lives here too, so clean-up help would be appreciated.

Safe Sanctuary Seminar

Keeping the Church Safe from/for Sexual Offenders Training for Church and Ministry Leaders Sponsored by: The Church at Prison & United Christian Assembly will be held on Saturday January 30, 2010, 8:00am-4:00pm, at the United Christian Assembly, Jericho, Vermont. Learn how to be proactive, realizing that there could be known and unknown, treated and untreated sexual offenders currently participating in church services and activities. Learn how to reach out to offenders in Christian love. Learn how to supervise and or be a support person for offenders. Learn how to deal with "situations" that commonly occur when dealing with offenders. Learn about the typologies, characteristics, offense patterns, and treatment for sexual offenders. For information, contact United Christian Assembly, Jericho, 802-899-2949.

Vestry Minutes:

November 2009:

- The new Calvary sign is beautiful and cost \$340 less than expected.
- Oct. Financial report looks good.
- Dave finished cutting down brush in the backyard and will need to rent a chipper.
- It is not necessary to have a balanced budget in order to keep our non profit status.

- We are still interviewing interim priests. Thad is looking at companions for us.
- Dave purchased supplies for taking off the undercroft wallpaper in the new year.
- Dave Villeneuve didn't show for his meeting with Chuck & John re: black locust tree.
- Connie Saeger-Proctor will schedule a Safer Church Training at Calvary in 2010 for necessary Calvary members.
- Jack bought a new \$30 beater bar for our broken Dyson vacuum.
- The \$50 remaining in our outreach funds for 2009 was given to Brookhaven Treatment & Learning Center as an unattached gift. A subcommittee should be formed to develop a criteria regarding to whom future outreach money should be given.
- We are scheduled to go caroling at Green Mtn. Nursing Home Dec. 20 at 2 pm.

December 2009:

- The November financial report looks good. Balance is high with the \$5,000 gift from Paul Connelly.
- The proposed 2010 budget was reviewed, with several changes being made.
- We will have a "thank you" dinner for all ministries in early 2010.
- Our oil tank should be protected against corrosion. We will discuss next month.
- Vermont Gas will call us this spring about conversion facts.
- Chuck is looking at our other resources to help balance the budget, i.e. Paul's gift & endowment fund.
- Pam stated that any Capital Campaign overage will be used for future repairs.
- Fran suggested that rather than take money out of the endowment for the budget, we use Paul's gift, but also use a small amount for a memorial to Paul.
- Ken felt we should encourage future endowments by putting Paul's gift in an endowment, and take out a loan to cover bills.

- Linda suggested we create a brochure or such asking for donations or pledges.
 - Chuck will send out a letter to interested folk who were not contacted for pledges.
 - More fundraising will be needed in 2010. Several people are stepping back from past duties in fundraising.
 - Pam added \$5,000 from the checkbook balance to income figures, leaving budget income short by only \$3,000.
 - The proposed deficit budget was accepted with a plan that we continue to do additional fundraising both through personal solicitation and the consideration of additional fundraising events. The vestry will consider the use of additional discretionary funds that are available should we not be able to make up the \$3,000 deficit.
 - Linda's contract will be for 9 months with safeguards built in for an earlier or extended period.
 - Should we shovel snow for groups using the church? Karen received liability info from our ins. company. We will have these groups sign a liability waiver. Salt and sand will be available at the top of the walkway for use when necessary.
 - Annual Meeting will be on January 24. Committee reports are due to Karen on Jan. 17.
 - Safer Church Training will be either March 20 or April 10.
 - UTO boxes totaled \$210 this year.
 - A thank you note was received from United Church of Underhill for the \$50 donation we gave them in thanksgiving for having the Harvest Market each year.
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- Vestry members will begin phoning parishioners once again to check in with them and inform them of upcoming events.

Christmas Food Shelf

Eighty families were served in December, for a total of 233 people. Please remember to donate vegetables and fruit each month to be sure there is enough food on hand for those who need it. Fran and Dave Ganter are doing a great job representing Calvary, and we appreciate their hard work and dedication. Thank you Fran and Dave!

February Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, February 9 will be the deadline for the next issue of the Chronicle. Please e-mail items to me at jbkoier@gmail.com or place them in my mailbox at church. Thank you.

Recipe of the Month

No recipes were submitted this month for publication. If you wish to submit a recipe in the future, I will be happy to include it in the next issue. Therefore, this section will be published only when recipes are received.

Thank you to everyone who has submitted recipes in the past. They have all been great and I appreciate your past dedication to keeping the column going!

Barbie
