



The 2017

**Newsletter of Calvary Episcopal Church**

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Now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility...

That's a phrase from the Collect for the First Sunday of Advent. Advent is the season when we prepare for the coming of Christ. Many of the lessons focus on spiritual preparation for when Christ comes as our final judge, but the season, basically the month of December, is about Christmas, the Feast of the Incarnation. Incarnation is the Christian teaching that God came in the flesh (Carne) to be our savior in this very real and material world. As Christians, we rejoice in this world, we celebrate life and plenty, and it's appropriate to remember Christ's coming with gifts.

But it is all too easy for human beings to get carried away and miss the point. It is audacious to say that the infinite creator of all things chose to humble himself so far as to become a human being—that's awesome and frightening if you think about it. And the point of the incarnation is that it is about humility, not grandeur. Christmas is an invitation to celebrate humility with generosity, and to have that generosity extend beyond ourselves and deepen our thankfulness to God. Don't be taken in by the material pressures of our culture and anxiety over elaborate observations of the season—the closer our personal observance is to that of the young couple with few resources who birthed that baby in Bethlehem, the more glorious our Christmas.

May your preparation for the coming of Jesus be blessed and joyful.

Fr. Drew+

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**Sunday Mornings: Holy Eucharist at 8:00am & 10:00am**  
9:00am & 11:00am Fellowship  
Child Care: 9:45am – 11:15am

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### **Weekly Schedule**

#### **December 10, 2017                      The Second Sunday of Advent**

Special Offering for Christmas Celebration / Altar Flowers  
Prayer Shawl Blessing  
Annual Youth Group Christmas Cookie Sale 8:45-11:45am  
Angel Tree Gifts due

Global Goal: Life Below Water

**Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm** – Christmas Carol Sing-along

#### **December 17, 2017                      The Third Sunday of Advent**

Special Offering for Christmas Celebration / Altar Flowers  
The Greening of the Church

Global Goal: Life on Land

#### **December 24, 2017                      The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Global Goal: Peace & Justice and Strong Institutions

*See back cover for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day,  
and December 31<sup>st</sup> services.*

## Calvary Ministries

### **CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP for Children, Teens, and Adults**

*The "formation and education" of people of all ages in the faith of Jesus Christ.*

**Jean Good**, Vestry Rep (310-9556) **Adrienne Hahn**, Team Leader (892-0848)

### **Tuesdays at Ten**

We are moving along with the great Old Testament story, now battling into the Promised Land with Joshua. (Maybe we'll take time off to consider some Advent themes.) Join us in the All Saints' Room for Morning Prayer at 10, followed by always stimulating study and conversation. Our last meeting of 2017 will be held at Judy Stothoff's house, followed by a luncheon, on **December 19<sup>th</sup>**, with a Christmas break until January 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Youth Group News**

**Kim Webb**, Youth Advisor (732-735-2845)

**The Annual Youth Group Christmas Cookie Sale is on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:45-11:45am in the Parish Hall.** Prices are 1 Box for \$8, 2 boxes for \$15, 3 boxes for \$21, and each box thereafter is \$7. Please purchase your homemade Christmas cookies for the holidays!!! Proceeds will go towards the YG ski trip in February.

### **COMMUNICATION**

*Proclaiming our ministry to parish members and beyond.*

**Mirelle White**, Team Leader (788-9204)



Thank you to the Office Angels: **Alice Berry**,  
**Liza Kistler**, **Judy Schoenherr**, and **Natalie Whiting**.

### **WELCOME & FELLOWSHIP**

*Bringing and welcoming people to the "Calvary branch" of the Church.  
Gatherings of adults, youth, and children to enjoy God's creation of each other.  
Assisting people in need within the parish, including pastoral care by clergy.*

**Denise Holzli**, Vestry Rep (782-1304)

**Please join us at Calvary on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm for a Christmas Carol Sing-along.** Hot chocolate will be served - bring your favorite cookies to share.

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

*Managing the money given for the ministry of the parish.*

**Karen Sammer, Vestry Rep (782-3928)**    **Gretchen Pozarycki, Treasurer (806-4964)**  
**Kevin Bruzzio, Treasurer (806-2452)**

**Shop Rite Gift Cards for \$50 or \$100 are available for purchase on Sundays after the 8:00am service!** Contact Dan or Denise Holzli (908) 782-1304 for details. SHOP RITE donates 5% of card value to Calvary.

## OUTREACH

*Assisting people in need beyond our parish, serving Christ in others,  
including pastoral care by clergy.*

**Donna Reagan, Vestry Rep (752-2854)**    **Lynn Cote, Team Leader (537-4497)**

**Thanksgiving for the Food Pantry - Thank you to all who donated for this wonderful outreach mission.** We delivered many bags of side dishes for the pantry. Although the pantry no longer accepts turkeys, Chris was able to donate the 1 we had to St. Magdelene's for the dinner they serve. Another way we can help those in need!

**Seamen's Church Update - Fr. Drew blessed 47 hat/scarf sets & 6 individual hats. We also assembled 211 toiletry bags which became part of the ditty bags we assembled on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to all who donated, assembled & delivered our gifts to SCI.**



**Our Angel Tree Outreach Program continues. All gifts need to be collected by Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> for a timely delivery.** Any questions or concerns, please contact Denise Holzli at 908-797-8386.

## Knitters and Crocheters Alert

Such cheerful (and warm) caps and scarves went off to the Seamen's Church Institute with Lynn Cote, our organizer and chief knitter. Now it's time to turn back to Prayer Shawls for a while. Many have gone off recently to give strength and comfort for parishioners and friends. Why not start one as a winter project? Patterns and guidance available. See Lynn or Mo. Ann.

Next Prayer Shawl Blessing- December 10<sup>th</sup>

## PROPERTY

*Using, maintaining, and creating physical space as God intends.*

**Jeff White, Vestry Rep (537-9695)**

### **Our collection of scrap metal (copper, brass, aluminum) continues...**

Please leave your donations in front of the garage. If you have any questions, please contact Ray Malley at 782-3928 or George Scott at 369-4566.

## WORSHIP

*Giving sacramental expression to our spiritual lives.*

**Trey Martin, Vestry Rep (730-9398)**

**Bob Violette, Music (609-638-6080)**

**Deacon Jack Hain, Service Assistants (609-634-4182)**

**Joanne Martin, Altar Guild (782-1225)      Natalie Whiting, Flowers (391-2125)**



**This year the Greening of the Church will take place after the 10:00am service on Sunday, December 17th.** We will need help hanging the garlands and wreaths, the tree, and the nativity sets. Poinsettias will be placed the following week December 24th after the 10:00am service. Blessings on all who can help.

**Thank you Service Assistants – new and continuing!**

If you are interested in becoming an Acolyte, please contact Trey Martin, Deacon Jack, or Mother Ann. Interested in joining the Altar Guild? Please see Joanne Martin. New members are needed and always welcome.

- **Preparing for Baptism?** Please call the Parish Office to enroll (782-7227).
- **Prayers for the Countries of the World** - Since 9/11 we have been praying for the countries of the world: 12/10 – Argentina, 12/17 – Armenia, 12/24 – Aruba, 12/31 – Australia.

## Looking for Christmas



Have you ever noticed that there are opposing feelings about Christmas at this time of the year?

Christmas tunes are used in commercials and decorations adorn everything from new cars to cookies. The emphasis is on buying the latest and greatest and the most.

On the other side of the ornament, there is the observation of Advent and the concentration on Jesus' life of teaching peace, love, and concern for others. Perhaps those themes can sooth the chaos surrounding shopping, baking, buying, and the common preparations for the season.

What about looking for the real Christmas around our church and lives? Ask yourself, what would the adult Jesus do at this time of the year? Feed the sick, heal the hurting, comfort the least of us, I think. We could do the same. Make someone laugh, visit the lonely, be extra courteous to those around you, drop coins—or dollars—in the Salvation Army buckets, share your food with the hungry.

Look for the good news—people rescuing people, leaving huge tips, volunteering to serve in food kitchens, visiting in hospitals. If you can't find examples, BE an example.

It WILL be a merrier Christmas if you want it to be!

## IN THE COMMUNITY

**Will the Real Mary Please Stand Up!**  
**Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00am to 12:00pm**  
**Trinity Episcopal Church, Solebury, PA**

Come with open heart and mind to learn about this woman of courage, humility and spirit, who points us to her son. Through scripture, art, poetry, history, and theological reflection, the morning will be led by Mary Miller, Susan Wells, Barbara Tororello, and Ginny Sheay. **Carpooling from Calvary at 8:15am.**

**Immaculate Conception Church Annual Christmas Concert**  
**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm**  
**316 Old Allerton Road, Annandale**

Immaculate Conception Church will hold its Annual Christmas Concert, featuring Fr. Alphonse Stephenson and “The Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea”. The concert will feature popular Christmas music, as well as selections from Opera, Classical Music and Broadway. Information and advance tickets are available by calling 908-735-7319.

**Handel's Messiah will be presented by the Hunterdon Symphony and Hunterdon Choral Union at North Hunterdon High School on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm.** Tickets are \$20.00 general, \$15.00 seniors and \$10.00 for students. **Several members of Calvary are singing!**

**AA Meetings at Calvary:** Monday – Saturday 7:00am to 8:30am  
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**AA Women’s Meeting at Calvary:** Thursday – 7:00pm to 8:30pm

## OUR PARISH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

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### **Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24**

**5:00pm - Christmas Eve Eucharist designed for all ages**

**8:30pm - Carols for choir and congregation**

**9:00pm - Festival Eucharist of Christmas**

### **Christmas Day - Monday, December 25**

**11:00am - Holy Eucharist**

### **First Sunday after Christmas - Sunday, December 31**

**9:00am - Christmas Lessons & Carols with Eucharist**