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Newsletter of Calvary Episcopal Church

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“And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another.” Hebrews 10:24-25

People who study church attendance in the United States have been observing for a number of years that people attend church less often, across the board. In particular, they note that even people who regard themselves as regular churchgoers make it to church less often each month, perhaps only half as often as the same sort of people attended 10 or 20 years ago.

There are plenty of good reasons why people don't make it to church. I'm not talking about those who might be alienated from religion or a particular church. Plenty of us who are members have other obligations, like travel, or work obligations and responsibilities for our kids activities that conflict with the time of worship services. Sometimes our friends might only be available to do something on a Sunday morning. Some of these conflicts are unavoidable. One of the elements of decreasing church attendance among the devout is that there are more of these time conflicts now than twenty years ago.

However, there is a great temptation to go along with the secular fashion of long leisurely Sunday breakfasts and prioritizing leisure activities over church on Sundays. It's easy to fit into the ordinary indulgences that everyone is taking and forget to join in worship of God on a weekly basis. I'm not going to argue that you get more from coming to church than from a cappuccino or a round of golf. The church is not a business that vends services to make people feel good. As Christians, we are people who live our lives as disciples of Jesus. Attending worship regularly is a way of helping and encouraging others and of joining in our corporate praise of God. Yes, we benefit personally from the encouragement, care of the community, the

solace of the sacraments, the brilliant and witty repartee of the preacher (well, maybe). We benefit from learning and reflecting on how our own lives can be better and happier. But what is really at stake is our society and our church. Gathering and being Christ's disciples together, we have the opportunity to encourage values and good will beyond our own doors, to make a difference in all the disturbing things we see everyday, by learning and doing the love of Jesus. Within our community, your presence makes a difference, in encouraging and building the community, enabling young and old to grow as better disciples. Every time you are at Calvary, I thank God for it.

See you in Church!

Blessings,
Fr. Drew+

Almost there!

From the Senior Warden

Upon the recommendation of the Discernment Team and the Vestry, Bishop Stokes has extended a call to the person who will be our new priest-in-charge. The details of a Letter of Agreement have yet to be finalized and until then the name of the person must remain confidential. By the same token, we expect this process to be successfully completed soon and we can then introduce our new pastor to you all. The current expectation is that Fr. Drew's last Sunday here will be around November 11 with the new person beginning after that.

With many thanks to Fr. Drew for his care and shepherding of us during the last year, we look forward to this next period of transition with hope and excitement.

I will provide more information just as soon as I can. Thank you all for your support and patience.

Jean Good, Senior Warden

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Sunday Mornings: Holy Eucharist at 8:00am and 10:00am
9:00am & 11:00am Fellowship

Weekly Schedule

October 7, 2018 The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Global Goal: Gender Equality

October 14, 2018 The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

1:00pm - Annual CROP Walk (Clinton)

Global Goal: Clean Water and Sanitation

October 21, 2018 The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am - Toiletry Bag Assembly for Seamen's Church Christmas at Sea
Youth Group Cookie Care Package Assembly (time TBA)

Global Goal: Affordable and Clean Energy

October 28, 2018 The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Thanksgiving Food Collection Begins for The Food Pantry

1:00pm – “Take Me to Church Walking Tour” (HCHS Doric House)

Global Goal: Decent Work and Economic Growth

Wednesday, October 31st – Calvary Trick-or-Treat

Calvary Ministries

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP for Children, Teens, and Adults

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

Tuesdays at Ten

We're off to another good year with our Tuesday study group, moving along in the great Old Testament story. Meetings are held each week in the All Saints' Room, starting with Morning Prayer (after some general conversation!) and continuing until 11:30. In September, we welcomed Laura Garvey to the group and invite others to join us too.

Youth Group News

Calvary Youth Group

The Youth Group welcomes all who are in 6 - 12th grade. The youth fellowship will be held twice a month (when able). The meetings will focus on community service projects, fund raising events and some fun activities/trips.

The first meeting of CYG took place on Sunday, Sept. 30th at the church. This planning meeting resulted in several activities the youth want to participate in over the next year. The first of these activities is the Cookie Care Package assembly which will take place on **Sunday, October 21st**. The care packages are sent to our college students as a sweet Fall treat and a great way to remind them that even as college students they are part of the larger Calvary family!

Please look to the YOUTH bulletin board over the next couple of weeks to see the full list of activities including the schedule of Youth Group meetings. If you would like to support the Youth Group activities, please speak to Emma Hahn or Mirelle White.

COMMUNICATION

Proclaiming our ministry to parish members and beyond.



Thank you Office Angels -
Alice Berry, Liza Kistler, Judy Schoenherr, and Natalie Whiting -
for your assistance each week.

The Communications Team consists of Frank Conlon, Adrienne Hahn, Mirelle White, and Vestry representative Ron Mahoney. We are here to assist Calvary's many Ministry teams with promoting events and promoting our church in general. If you have an event you want advertised to a wide audience, please speak to anyone from the team for assistance.

If you are interested in joining the team, writing articles for the local newspapers, helping take photos of church events, helping maintain our website or other social media pages, please speak to Mirelle White or anyone else from the team.

~Where to Find Us on The Web~

Calvary's web site is

<https://www.calvary-episcopal.com> or <https://www.calvary-episcopal.net>

Our social media pages are:

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/calvary.episcopal.flemington.nj>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/calvaryflemnj>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/calvaryepiscopalflemington/>

The NJ Diocese web site is <http://dioceseofnj.org/>

The US Episcopal Church's web site is <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/>

The Episcopal News Service web site is

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org> where you can sign up to receive a daily email.

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.*

See below for details on Calvary's 2nd Annual Halloween Trick-or-Treat.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Managing the money given for the ministry of the parish.

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.*



Halloween Trick or Treat

Our 2nd Annual Calvary Trick or Treat will be **Wednesday October 31st**, time TBD by Flemington Police (late afternoon/evening). We need volunteers to hand out treats as well as donations of candy, treats, or novelties! See Mirelle White if you can help out or see the sign-up sheet on the podium.

Seamen's Church - Christmas at Sea

We will be assembling toiletry bags on **October 21st** between the services (and after the 10:00 if needed). Please leave your donation in the Food Pantry Box. Needs are: TRAVEL SIZE shampoo & conditioner, body wash & lotion, toothpaste & brushes, razors & shave cream, tissues & especially CHAPSTICKS. We are scheduled to visit SCI on **Friday, November 9th**, to be there at 10:00am. See Lynn Cote for more info.



Thanksgiving Food Collection for The Food Pantry

On **October 28th** we will start collecting "sides" for the Food Pantry. Needs are stuffing, gravy, any vegetables, white potatoes, yams, pie crust mix, pumpkin pie filling, biscuit mix & cranberry sauce. Collection continues **November 4th**, with delivery **November 11th**. **THE PANTRY NO LONGER ACCEPTS TURKEYS.** You can arrange for that donation directly thru Shoprite.

PROPERTY

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

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.

Thank you Service Assistants – new and continuing!

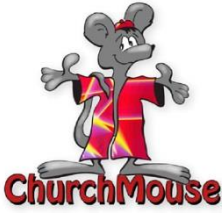
We are looking for new acolytes – young and old!

If you are interested, please contact Trey Martin. Training is available. Adults are always needed – this is a great opportunity for a parent that has a child who is or was an acolyte. Teenagers needed too!

If you are already a service assistant, it is important to sign up on the clipboard for the weeks you can serve. If you have to change your assignment, please try to find your replacement and then notify the Parish Office.

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.
- **Prayers for the Countries of the World** - Since 9/11 we have been praying for the countries of the world: 10/7 – Cuba, 10/14 – Cyprus Islands, 10/21 – Czech Republic, 10/28 – Denmark.



Autumn Action

Autumn is a busy time. Much of the world is already planning for the holidays, farmers are bringing in their crops and preparing their fields for the next growing season, and many churches are in the midst of Sunday school starting, choirs practicing, and Bible studies being explored.

Are you doing anything interesting or life-changing?

I was traipsing over a copy of *Forward Day by Day* and came upon a commentary about a grandmother insisting on using seeds from her home country to keep their quality and flavor alive. “Seeds,” said the writer, “like a family, die out unless they find themselves in the correct external conditions.” “In taking the risk of growth,” the author continued, “there is always a chance for life to flourish and multiply.”

That’s heavy stuff, to think of ourselves as seeds that can feed others if only we are nourished properly—or nourish others.

If we listen to sermons and think about what was said, if we go to Bible studies and absorb the lessons that can be found there, we become seeds too, the church becomes a fertile growing place, and other seeds will seek us out to grow with us.

It doesn’t cost anything (time, maybe), we’ll grow, maybe, and maybe, just maybe, we can change lives.

Pray for that to happen!

IN THE COMMUNITY

The annual CROP Walk in Clinton takes place on Sunday, October 14th at 1:00pm. To join the team or to donate (or to do both!), go to <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/clintonnj> and type in the team name, Calvary Episcopal Church. The walk is 4 miles, but you do not have to walk the whole course. Last year, approximately 20 people from Calvary walked, and together they raised over \$3,000. All the money goes to feed world hunger. If you have any questions, please see Trey Martin.

Take Me to Church Walking Tour

Calvary will co-sponsor a "Take Me to Church Walking Tour" in conjunction with the Hunterdon Historical Society on Sunday, October 28th from 1:00-3:30 pm. Church historians will share the rich history of each of the local houses of worship: Calvary Episcopal Church, Flemington United Methodist Church, Flemington American Baptist Church, and Flemington Presbyterian Church. The tour begins at HCHS Doric House, 114 Main Street, Flemington, and the suggested donation is \$5.00. Proceeds go to the local food pantry. **Please contact Christine Little with any questions or offers to help** 908-642-6096 or cnliddle@msn.com

Hunterdon Hospice volunteers are needed for patient and family support, office support, deliveries, fundraising events & community awareness events. Additionally, we welcome those with special skills in cosmetology, massage, Reiki, music and pet therapy to help support the complimentary services offered to patients under Hunterdon Hospice's care. **To learn more and schedule an interview, contact Kim Kelleher, Volunteer Coordinator, at 908-788-6600 or e-mail: kkelleher@hhsnj.org.**

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

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