

Dear Calvary Family,

Advent Sunday is November 30. It is the ecclesiastical equivalent of New Year's. It is a time of new beginnings and new possibilities as we begin our four week journey to Christmas. The Latin word for Advent means "The Coming". For Christians this is a double meaning. First, we recall Christ's Second Coming in glory toward which all history is moving and for which we want to be prepared as eternity hangs in the balance. Second, we turn our focus to Jesus' Incarnation, when he left heavenly glory behind to take on human flesh in order to redeem us from sin and death.

In observance of Advent several pointers remind us to prepare for Christ in new ways:

- We light the Advent Wreath each Sunday with emphasis on the themes of preparation, love, joy and the Virgin Mary. Also, daily family devotionals may be done at home around the dinner table.
- The liturgical color in the church is Sarum (or Salisbury) Blue, a mildly penitential color. Symbols on the hangings recall Israel's long wait for the Messiah and that our Christian roots are in the Old Testament story.
- Study: we will begin our Inquirer's classes for all-comers on December 7. We will explore questions about the Faith, the church and Christian living. Come loaded with your questions!
- Greening of the Church, Wednesday, December 17 at 6:00 p.m. with potluck and church decorating for Christmas.

If this doesn't get you in the "Christmas spirit", nothing will!

Let us remember a profound truth as we make room in our hearts for Jesus, the light of the world: children hate darkness and openly crave the currency of truth; adults are taught by the world to crouch in the shadows of illusion and deception—we hide from our true selves and our true needs for spiritual health and God's love. Therefore, won't you give Jesus the chance to renew, re-invigorate and refresh your soul? After all, throughout the history of Israel God went to great lengths to help his children prepare for the Christ, God's ultimate trump over sin, separation, evil and darkness. He is still restoring people to relationship with Him today. Join Christians worldwide this Advent and prepare your heart for Christ too!

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord,

2009 Vestry Nomination Form

The annual Parish Meeting of Calvary Church will be held on Sunday, January 25. Four Vestry members will be elected at this meeting. The office of vestry is one of the most important ministries in the life of our church. The Vestry is responsible for the temporal affairs of the parish and serves to advance the spiritual life and mission of the church in cooperation with the Rector and clergy. Persons elected serve as active members of parish commissions and other special positions of responsibility for the ministries of Calvary. You are urged to take an active part in this process and help us select strong and gifted leaders for our parish. See guidelines entitled, 'Are You Called to This Office?'

Our church bylaws require that "members of the Vestry must be parishioners sixteen (16) years or older who are communicants in good standing and who are regular financial contributors to the parish." Our bylaws also require that one year lapse before a former member of the Vestry can be reelected. **Nomination forms must be returned to the church office by Monday, December 1, 2008.**

I am a communicant in good standing and have obtained the permission of _____ to nominate him/her for the Vestry. I hereby submit that name to be voted on at the Parish Meeting on January 25, 2009. He/She has been involved in the following church-related activities, past or present (list at least two):

Nominator's Signature

**The Ashland Area Ministerial Association
Cordially Invites You to Attend
The Community Thanksgiving Service
November 23, 2008
Holy Family Parish
at
7:00 p.m.**

**Refreshments will be served
immediately following the prayer service**



**CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
YOUTH CHRISTMAS LOCK-IN**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2008
8:00 P.M. TO 8:00 A.M.**

**AT
CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**YOUTH 4TH GRADE AND ABOVE CAN STAY ALL NIGHT
YOUNGER YOUTH SHOULD BE PICKED UP ON 12/12/08 BY
11:00 P.M.**

Bring a scarf, hat or pair of gloves/mittens to donate to the local schools, your favorite Christmas movie ("Home Alone", "Santa Clause", "Charlie Brown's Christmas", etc.), sleeping bag or blanket & pillow, Wii games, and a \$5.00 per family donation towards the pizza.

If you have any questions or wish to donate snacks or volunteer please call Debbie Braun at home 327-8807 or 547-2552. Thank you.

**DON'T BE A SCROOGE! PLEASE COME AND JOIN US AND
BRING A FRIEND!!**

For Your Information

The Last Sunday After Pentecost - November 23

First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Epistle: Ephesians 1:15-23
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46
Psalm: Ps 100

The First Sunday of Advent - November 30

First Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9
Epistle: I Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:24-37
Psalm: Ps 80:1-7, 16-18

The Second Sunday of Advent - December 7

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11
Epistle: 2 Peter 3:8-15a
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8
Psalm: Ps 85:1-2, 8-13

Prayers Are Requested for:

For the Sick and Those in Need

Bill Moore, Betty Lou Moore, Brian and Becky, Tom Ed Moore, K.C. Donnelly, Barbara Stokes, Larry Meek, Eric, Erin, Jon, Chrissie, Janet, Bob, Tyler, Jess, Drew, Becky Horine, Hack Parker, Janna Fields, Joyce and Glenn Shope, Tom Stephens, Bud Shaw, and Roger Young

Shut-in/Convalescing

Nell Hutchinson, Marie Kephart, Tootie Morefield, Lucille Kazee, Phyllis McKenzie, William and Betty Brown, Duane Chapman, and Martha Compton

Anniversaries

26 Wally and Jo Edwards (1949)

Children's Education and Programs

9:30 - 10:15 Youth Sunday School

10:30 Morning Eucharist

Sermon
Children's Chapel
"Godly Play"
Stories of the Bible shared
through loving messages of
the heart.

Christmas Program Sunday, December 14, 2008
"The Twelve Days of Christmas"

DISCIPLES COURSE

The new adult education course continues this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. It will run for approximately 3 more weeks and is entitled "Invitation to John." Session 9 is called "Look Out," Session 10 is called "Believing Without Seeing," and Session 11 is called "Do You See Him."

Each session will include a 15 - 20 minute video followed by discussion. The sessions will be facilitated by the Adult Education Committee of the Vestry in the Parish Hall.

Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner This Sunday

(November 23) after the 10:30 service! The Calvary Family invites you and your friends to attend the third annual Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner following services on Sunday, November 23, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. There will be turkey and ham provided along with dressing and mashed potatoes. We hope you will be here and bring complementary dishes like squash, green beans, corn, cranberries, salads, rolls, and desserts. We will be inviting other local church congregations as a sign of our commitment to bringing all Christians together who share a common belief in Christ. A donation of \$5.00 per adult, \$4.00 for children under 12, and (\$20 max per family) will be accepted. Contact Don Maxwell at 606-831-9035 or David Stewart at 606-324-1517. We are looking for volunteers to cook the turkeys which we will provide.

Don Maxwell

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

We are pleased to lift up special needs and thanksgivings related to loved ones. Names are carried for one calendar month unless otherwise requested. Thanksgivings change weekly. Please try to be as concise and specific as you can.

PLEASE BLOCK PRINT

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

NAME OF PERSON(S) TO BE PRAYED FOR:

Their Need (healing, hospital, convalescing, dying, etc.):

Thanksgiving for:

Today's Date: _____

Your Name _____
(important)

Please place form in offering basin or mail to the office.

The Chalice Hymnal

Calvary members and friends are encouraged to help us provide a new hymnal for use at our worship services. The Vestry unanimously agreed that we need to provide better, singable music and that the congregation be encouraged to memorialize or honor loved ones by donating toward the purchase of these books. The Chalice Hymnal would not entirely replace the 1982 Episcopal Hymnal, although it would become our primary sourcebook for worship. Gifts will be recognized with a suitable memorial plate on the inside cover of the Chalice Hymnal. Cost per book is \$21.00. An inscription with the Calvary name and address will be imprinted on the blue cover. Blue was the chosen color to distinguish it from the red Prayer Books.

To make a gift of one or more Chalice Hymnals please attach your check to the form below.

<p><u>CHALICE HYMNAL</u></p> <p>_____ # copies at \$21.00 each. _____ check attached</p> <p>Your name _____ phone _____</p> <p>Name of person to ___ honor (living) ___ memorialize (deceased)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please print clearly:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Note: One name per book. Use additional forms as necessary.</p>

2009 Stewardship Campaign Update

As of Tuesday, November 18, 50 pledge cards have been returned totaling \$185,220. The stewardship committee has been involved in followup and continues to receive pledge cards.

Many thanks to the following who have made their pledge thus far:

Liz Alexander	Ken and Loretta Fosson	Cleve and Nancy McHenry	David Stewart
Ralph Blair	Steve and Suzanne Gilmore	Bill and Betty Lou Moore	Louise Taylor
William and Betty Brown	Mitzie Grizzle	Tootie Morefield	Chip and Sharon Valentine
Brent Clark	Sam and Helen Hall	John Newman	Pam Womack
Patsy Cochran	Renee Harris	Karen Newman	Tom and Penny Wuerdeman
Martha Lindsey Cooke	Brenda Hayes	Bernard and Michelle O'Nan	Jack Zeller
Chris and Brandi Cox	Cheryl Henderson	Chris and Lisa Pullem	Diane Zwick
Sudie Davis	Gurney and Debbie Johnson	Richard and Robin Reames	Dicky Martin
Virginia Dixon	John and Patricia Jones	Mary Riley	David and Tina Mussetter
Wally and Jo Edwards	Lucille Kazee	Martha Ross	Ernie and Trish Pitt
George Fleshman	Bruce and Leannah Leslie	Nancy Schnitzker	Peter and Donna Yacoe
Jerry and Judy Ford	Jeanne Martin	Kathy and Don Setterman	
Richard and Muffin Ford	Don Maxwell	David and Lori Slagel	

Dear Parishioners,

Please join us the weekend of November 29, 2008 to hear the Rev. Jay Pierce speak at all the services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Father Pierce will share what he has witnessed about Food For the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Father Pierce was ordained in 1975 for Diocese of Lexington. He served as executive director for Hospice and Chairman of the board of trustees for St. Agnes House.

Please join me in welcoming Father Pierce.

Inquirer's/Confirmation Classes to Begin

In the Episcopal Church (as is the case in most denominations) at some point in their development every Christian is encouraged to make a "mature affirmation of faith". For those who were baptized as infants this usually involves being "confirmed" with laying on of hands by the bishop and it is our liturgical way of owning for ourselves as adults the faith and vows which were taken on our behalf by parents and godparents. "Inquirer's Classes" is a helpful tool in helping one reflect on the Faith, the Church and one's importance to God's work in the world. For those adults who may be new to the Episcopal Church or have never made such an affirmation of faith in any other denomination, this is a great opportunity to ask lots of questions in an informal setting. Everything is fair game! Baptism makes one a Christian; confirmation makes one a committed Christian!

Beginning on December 7 Fr. Chip will hold Inquirer's classes on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for anyone who seeks more understanding of Christianity, its history, sacraments, government, rituals, vocabulary, etc., etc., etc. Youth 7th grade and above are welcome to attend along with any and all adults. The more classes you can attend the more informed you will be. Anyone wishing to be confirmed by Bishop Stacy F. Sauls on Sunday, February 15, at the 10:30 service may do so by attending these classes. The class sessions are:

December 7, 14, 21 (12/28 break for Christmas)
January 4, 11, 18 (no class 1/25 - Annual Meeting)
February 1, 8 (rehearsal on 2/15 at 9:30)

To help us plan the course please fill out the registration form below and return it to the office by Sunday, November 30.

Inquirer's/Confirmation Class Registration

Name _____


Address _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____ Baptized? Y N

Already confirmed? Y N _____
Where (Church, City)

**"For Unto Us a Child Is Born
Unto Us a Son Is Given"**

**Volunteers Needed For Calvary's Days at
"The Giving Tree"**



Saturday, November 29, 2008

**2 Hour Shifts - 2 People per Shift
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

**Please sign the sheet in the ambulatory and give the gift of joy
to a small child's heart**

Choir News Calvary Episcopal Church
Christmas 2008

Hi everyone!

Christmas is coming... The goose is getting fat and, if it is at all smart, hiding from the cook. The music is starting to have that holiday sound...

And the choir needs you!

Lessons and Carols? Christmas Eve? Don't panic! We have the situation under control and are already practicing Christmas and Advent music! But, we need your voice to make it successful. Join us for some simple and singable Christmas favorites.

Mark your calendar - This Sunday, Nov. 23, is Christ the King Sunday and Calvary's traditional pre-Thanksgiving dinner. We have two special anthems planned! Sunday evening is the Community Thanksgiving service at Holy Family (choir meet at Holy Family at 6:00).

And remember, we have practice **every Wednesday at 7:00** and **Sunday morning at 9:30**. Don't miss the fun! See you on Wednesday! and Sunday! Come and make a joyful noise to the Lord.

Carol

2008 Fellowship Hosts

Nov. 23 Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner
30 Mary Riley

Dec. 7 *
14 Tina and David Mussetter
21 David Stewart
28 Kathy and Don Setterman

*No luncheon in December.
The people that decorate
the church will bring pot-
luck for this date.

E-mail Address Change for Wally and Jo Edwards.
Their new e-mail address is wally-
andjo@roadrunner.com.

Cheryl Henderson has a ticket for sale for the Feast of Christmas at the Kentucky Christian University for Thursday, December 4. Anyone who is interested can contact her at 606-686-2131.

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Birthdays in Our Parish Family in Nov. and Dec.

November 01 David Stewart, 04 Miles Mussetter, 08 Jim Adams, 11 Ryder Riggs, 14 Martha Ross, 17 Brian Gunnoe and Charles Watson, 19 George Fleshman, 22 Thomas Blunk, and 26 Ray Franks

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The deadline for the next Crucifer is December 1. Please have all articles for submission in to the office by the above date.



The Rt. Rev. Stacy Sauls, Bishop
The Rev. Mann S. Valentine, Rector
Dr. Carol M. Greene, Music Minister

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