



Thanks for the Memories and More!

Bob Hope used to end his USO Tours and other events with a “Thanks for the memories” song. There are innumerable memories that I have of my time here at Calvary. But I will hold much more that memories about Calvary. I am overwhelmed by, and will hold in my heart, the many kind and thankful words that so many of you have shared over the last few days in particular. I will treasure the gifts and cards that you have given to me. But, even more to be treasured are the experiences that have allowed me to see in this community of faith, people who embraced the call of Matthew 25 and live it out.

Matthew 25 is a touchstone for essential Christian ministry. There we find a description of people coming before the throne at the end of time. The King says “Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.” (Matthew 25:34-36)

Many churches are engaged in these ministries but, what stands out for me is the compassion with which the people of Calvary are involved in these. The great extent of the food and clothing ministry has been well noted here and in other articles about Calvary. The same is true of the street ministry that is called Calvary’s Well. Each of these is exemplary in the area of hunger, clothing and welcome. There is sign in front of the church which most Episcopal churches display that says “**The Episcopal Church Welcomes You**”.

Let me share an example of how that has manifested itself at Calvary. Last Thursday was the day after the freezing rain which brought down many trees and which covered many roads. Due to the weather and other issues it was looking as though the congregation for the noon healing service would be sparse. Margaret Dickinson would serve as acolyte and play the organ, Joan Wempe would read the lesson and lead the prayers, while I would preach and celebrate. We were it! Cindy Curry came in shortly before we started and took over the prayers. Yet, by the time we actually started, there were nine present. The other five were all from the neighborhood and were here because they had been made to feel welcome. All but one of the five were, or had been, homeless and all are cared for here. That Calvary is not about “us and them” but rather about “we” was profoundly evident to me.

By this and so many other illustrations of the caring, compassionate and committed community, which exemplifies what is Calvary. It is a community which has allowed me to grow in my greater spiritual depth. By all of these I have been richly blessed and I look forward to hearing about the continued growth of Calvary. Your next rector is a gifted and faithful person. So, I say again, thanks for the memories and so much more!

May the Peace of God continue to rest upon you all!



Fr. John Allen—Interim Rector



How Do You Say Goodbye? - *Don Snow, Senior Warden*

I don't know about you; but as I get older, saying goodbye becomes ever more difficult. When I was younger, goodbye didn't really register as so permanent. Besides, lives were so busy, and everyone moved on quickly.

Now that I'm older, however, I take more time to reflect and cherish time with important people in my life. People of substance and character. People of good humor. People with whom I can connect and engage in lively conversation. People who make me stop, think, and perhaps alter a view. One such person is Father John Allen.

As he has been with all of us, he is all these things to me. We should be rejoicing that he has done what God called him to do at Calvary – and I do! Forgive me though if during rejoicing I am also saddened to say goodbye to him. I know my goodbye has more permanence now. I know our paths will not often cross as they once did in the many hours spent with him. I know I won't hear his jokes so frequently. (His are about as bad as mine. I consider that something of an art form that is not easily attained.) I know that I have witnessed the presence of one who made a difference on this earth.

So how do you say goodbye? For me, it is with a smile on my lips and a tear in my eye.

Farewell, my friend.

Peace.

An Opportunity to Help-*David Stewart*

Calvary's Outreach efforts represent us all. Each parishioner represents the kindness and the love of Christ to everyone with whom we come in contact.

We don't know each of these people. We don't know all their stories. Each person is real, however. Their stories are real. And they need Calvary's help.

Food? Clothing? Hot chocolate on a cold day? Each of us know the difference these make to each and every person we touch. On Sunday we hear the litany. "The Body of Christ. The Blood of Christ." It goes beyond kneeling at the rail.

Some of our parishioners meet weekly to distribute food, clothe the naked, comfort the desolate. They are the face of Calvary's outreach effort. The rest of us are in the background but no less important.

Clothing? We search our closets and bring what we have. Food? We buy extra bags at the grocery. What else?

Last week I had my teeth cleaned. As I was checking out, an idea struck me. I'm fortunate. I can go to the dentist. Some people can't. I asked my dentist if he had extra dental products gathering dust in his supply cabinet. Brushes? Toothpaste?

Yes. He did. I explained what Calvary does for outreach. I walked away with a case of tooth brushes. Thank you, Dr. Don Feeney, the Smile Doctor.

Next time you visit your dentist, tell them the story of what Calvary is doing for the community. Ask if they have something to help. They will, I suspect. Bring it to Calvary. You'll be making a difference in peoples' lives.





Adult Forum Schedule—Sundays 10 am

Nov. 25: Jonathan Smith— Poets of the Hymnal, Series 4

Dec. 2: Advent Event, Intergenerational

Dec. 9: Dr. Lee Shafer—Informal Q & A time to welcome Calvary's new Rector

Dec. 16: Linda French-- St. Nicholas—the Saint, the Man, the Myth, the Legend

Dec. 23—No S.S. or Adult Forum

Dec. 30—No S.S., Adult Forum, or Choir



Youth / Kids—



Advent Event - December 2 | Parker Hall | 10 am

All are welcome! This is an intergenerational event - there will be no Adult Forum so that all may attend.

Please bring greenery for use in the wreaths!

Sign up sheet for attendance and what you plan to bring will be in Frazier Hall. Contact [Britt Shelton at britt.shelton@calvaryepiscopal.org](mailto:britt.shelton@calvaryepiscopal.org) for further information!

Coffee Hour Schedule—Join us every Sunday at 12:15 pm

Nov. 25 Cookies and Coffee—What Could be Better? Everyone shares!

Dec. 2 Sweets for the Sweet—Everyone shares!

Dec. 9 The Hospitality Committee—Calvary Welcomes The Rev. Dr. Lee Shafer

Dec. 16 Ben and Mary Sanders—Celebrating their Anniversary!

Dec. 23 No S.S., Adult Forum, or Coffee Hour

Dec. 30 No S.S., Adult Forum, or Coffee Hour

(Please sign the poster in Frazier Hall to host a Coffee Hour)



My Farewell to Father John - *Linda French, Junior Warden*



Last March, Father John Allen joined us here at Calvary as our Interim Rector. We were a “wounded” congregation as we had just lost Mother Elizabeth and found ourselves once again being led by ourselves.

I recall my first day of meeting him and sitting in his office to talk. I entered his office in fear but exited with hopefulness and a quieted soul when he spoke of “harming no one” and “following Jesus as He taught us to minister to those who are less fortunate than we.” My diary entry of that first meeting says, “Oh, be still, my beating heart.”

Now we are saddened to be saying good-bye to Father John, even as we are happy that God has sent us a new Rector who will be with us in the immediate future. We are happy for John, also, as he might, finally, get a glimpse of retirement after many years of attempting to do just that!

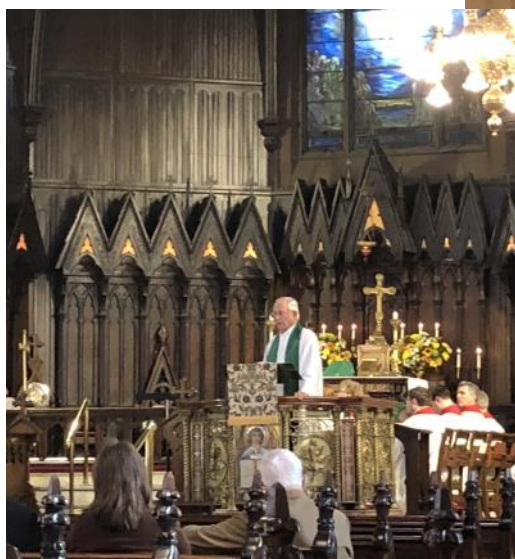
John Allen has been invaluable in leading us to the healing we needed and to the hope that we now feel. Please be sure to join us as we honor him for his many good works completed in Christ’s name here at Calvary.

Thank you, Fr. John.

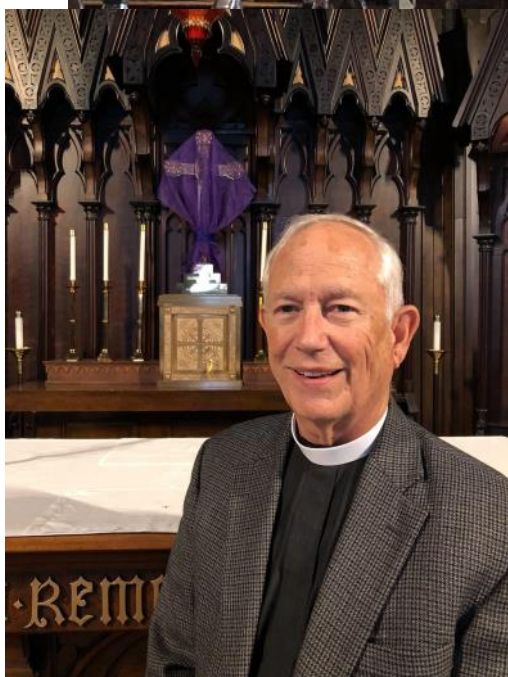




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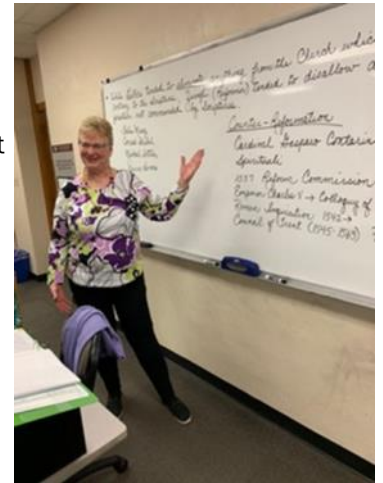


Calvary Goes to Bellarmine-Sandra Cherry

About ten years ago I became interested in the life-long learning program called VERITAS at Bellarmine University. It started in 1995 as a vision for seniors, age 55 or older, to continue to learn with quality academic classes in a variety of fields for a period of six weeks each Fall and Spring. Later a three-week Summer term was offered. Today, we offer about 21 classes each term, using retired or semi-retired educators, doctors, administrators, home-makers, artists, and executives to facilitate and present courses. Each term we have over 400 participants in these classes. I, personally, have developed and taught 22 courses since 2008, mostly in the fields of religion and history, and I look forward to teaching two more courses in the Spring 2019 term. My Fall course, *The Reformation: Catholics and Protestants Divide* was a repeat course from last Fall due to the many students who couldn't get in the course on the 500-year anniversary of Martin Luther's 95 Theses tacked on the doors of the Wittenberg Church.

After teaching ten courses, one is awarded the Betts Meehan Lifetime Membership Award and gets the membership fee and course fees waived. Currently, the membership fee is \$60.00 per term, and each course cost \$15.00. What a deal!

Calvary Episcopal Church is well represented as instructors! Our Jonathan Smith just finished teaching a Shakespeare course on the plays: *Othello* and *The Winter's Tale*, called Shakespeare's "*Green-Eyed Monster*."



"I learned about VERITAS last fall, and I enrolled in Bud Spalding's Friday at the Movies class (as I have each term since). Sandra also suggested I might offer a discussion class on a literary topic, so I visited Jennings Mace's short story class to see what that was like, and I liked it so much I bought the text and kept attending for the rest of the term. (I am happy to say that both Bud and Jennings have been students in both my VERITAS classes.) In the Spring of 2018, I offered my first class: *The Sonnets of Sidney and Shakespeare*, to a small but enthusiastic group. Next spring, I will observe the 200th anniversary of Keats' great Odes, by discussing one of them each week for the six weeks of the VERITAS term. I usually learn more than I teach in these classes, as they are made up of retired people who have succeeded in various professions, and they are not at all shy about offering great insights!" (Jonathan Smith)



This Fall was Tim Duncan's first VERITAS course called: *Exploring Thomas Merton's Great Cosmic Dance in "New Seeds of Contemplation"*. Tim's artistry and teaching style is so compelling. He has the students in the palm of his hand, holding on to every utterance he so passionately and authentically explores.

"Quoting Thomas Merton: "The spiritual life is above all life itself, and to live is to grow." It's been an exhilarating experience teaching 'The Great Cosmic Dance in Thomas Merton's 'New Seeds of Contemplation' for the VERITAS Program, and I admit exhausting at times, as we tried to stay in step with Merton's cosmic dance as he led us through ideas, theology, spiritual practices as far reaching as Zen Buddhism to the whirling dervishes of Sufi Islam and then back to his own Western and Eastern Christian mystic roots. I could say students, but a more apt description would be my fellow pilgrims, have enriched the time we have spent together with thoughtful questions, but even more by sharing ways they have experienced the presence of God in daily life or extraordinary moments. We all have had a chance to grow through this opportunity provided by the VERITAS Program." (Brother Tim)

This coming spring, we are looking forward to having Dean French share a course he is developing called History of Asia Through Art.

Calvary members, who are also VERITAS members, include Don Snow, Meg Scharre, Beverly Haverstock, Larry Brown, Glenna Harris, Georgea Ward, and Linda and Dean French. (continued next page)



Music - Shawn Dawson, Director of Music or Music Committee

Sacred Arts at Calvary

The Sacred Arts at Calvary has had a rewarding fall this year, featuring a rich array of musical repertoire and instruments. At the Bach Vespers in October, Calvary brought in Baroque specialists from Louisville and the College-Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati to perform Bach's Cantata 106, *Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit*. Composed at age 22, this piece was scored for unique and seldom heard instruments, most notably, the Viola da gambas, which are beautiful string instruments similar to the cello, that use gut strings, are held with the legs, and produce a sweet, singing sound.

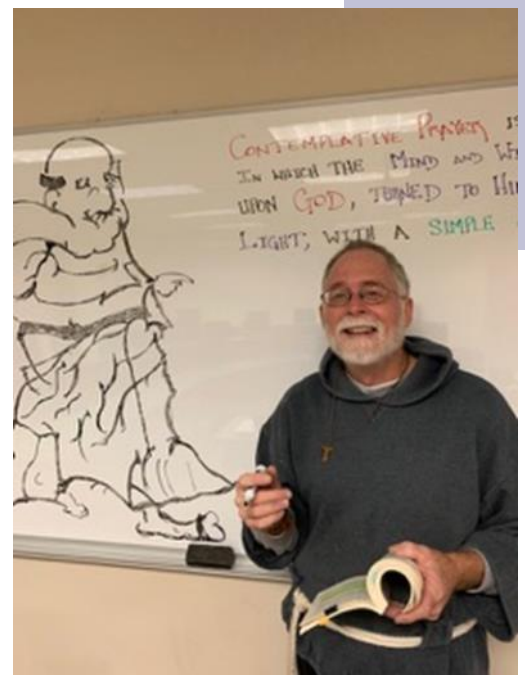
Calvary borrowed a beautiful portative organ from First Presbyterian Church in Evansville, which added to the beauty and elegance of the cantata and the service in significant ways. First, this instrument allowed the choir and the instrumentalists to gather in a more intimate arrangement for the cantata, which is both appropriate and necessary for chamber music. In doing so, it brought the choir out of the acoustical dead spot in the chancel, so that their singing could be more clearly heard by the congregation. Secondly, this portative organ exhibited its own singing quality and blended well with the instruments and the singers as it took on a variety of roles as accompanist to the instrumentalists, to the choir, and to the congregation.

More recently, in November, the Sacred Arts featured a very different type of musical experience. Na Skylark, a Celtic trio, performed the Evensong recital on November 18th and stayed to collaborate with the choir during the service. They used traditional Irish instruments including the harp, fiddle, bagpipes and flute as they played the traditional folk music of Ireland. Those present enjoyed this musical contrast, as the Na Skylark savored Calvary's beautiful space and appreciated the singing of the Calvary Choir.

The Sacred Arts has several more events this year and will continue to feature diverse musical experiences. The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is on December 16th at 4:00 p.m. After the New Year, the Calvary Choir collaborates with the choirs of Christ Church Cathedral and Cathedral of the Assumption in The Three Choirs Festival on January 20th at 3:00 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral. Bach Vespers on February 24th at 3:30 p.m. may again incorporate instruments not often seen or heard. On March 3rd, the Horn Lake elite choir, Voci Novella, will perform at Calvary on a tour that will take them to St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC. Finally, Bellarmine's Schola Cantorum, directed by Dr. S. Timothy Glasscock, will perform the Evensong recital on March 24th at 3:30 p.m. and join the Calvary Choir for Choral Evensong at 4:00 p.m.

Calvary Goes to Bellarmine (cont.)

If you are interested in teaching a course or being a member of VERITAS, please see Board of Director member, Sandra Cherry. Some of the 'perks' include field trip opportunities, social events, access to the Fitness Center called SuRF, full use of the library, and a number of other events, including book clubs and interest groups.





Turkey Day at Calvary-Margaret Dickinson

Turkey Day, Calvary's longtime traditional giveaway, began in the pitch dark cold on November 20, when 300 of the birds were delivered. Our food clients, dating back to January 2018, had been issued vouchers, and they were already arriving.

The stage was set. Nine racks of clothing and four tables, including 77 winter coats, sweaters, shoes, hats, gloves, toys, and miscellaneous goodies were displayed. At 9:00 am the fun began. Clients streamed through the north entry to the parish hall to select eight of the aforementioned items, and then proceeded to Parker, where they exchanged their vouchers for turkeys. Many stopped at Abby's Library to select books for their children, and then they chose from a huge pile of breads, rolls, and cakes. Virtually everybody then relaxed and paused for conversation, cookies, pumpkin bread, donuts, lemonade, hot chocolate, coffee, and popcorn, the hit of the day and a staple of Calvary's Well. Part of our Calvary mission and dedication is showing our clients that we care greatly for them, and today, love was evident from all directions.

Many volunteers made this beloved undertaking a great success. Too numerous and dangerous to name individually, we here laud 26 people that made it happen. In addition to Calvary stalwarts, volunteers included four Unitarians, two Catholics representing Margaret's Consignment, two from Dosker Manor, and strong friends who lugged in the turkeys. It was a fitting close for Father John Allen and Cindy to help the people he cared for deeply in his nine-month ministry with us. How many rectors can claim giving away 276 turkeys at the last day on the job? Only at Calvary!!!

Blessings to all, a million thanks, and may everyone have a happy Thanksgiving.





Turkey Day at Calvary (cont.)



Photos by Beverly Haverstock





Transition Team at Work!—*Linda French, Junior Warden*

We all know transitions are difficult, but I didn't realize how busy they are!

Having bid farewell to Father John, it will be, in just two-weeks, time to welcome Dr. Lee Shafer to Calvary. It's a bit like burning the candle at both ends.

What are we doing to help Lee (her name preference) be welcomed? Since she will be reading this month's Calvary Connection, I cannot divulge here every single thing planned because we would like to surprise her in some small ways.

However, I can say that we are in contact frequently and I am available to her to answer questions, get information, etc.

Deborah Stewart is working as Lee's Realtor. Lee and husband Tom have already come to Louisville to look at homes with Deborah. Originally, Lee wanted to live "out" of the immediate area but is re-thinking the option in favor of a shorter commute. The house-hunting venture will be easier once Lee is physically in Louisville, of course.

A Huge thank you goes to Stephanie Smith for procuring a lovely Grace and Favor guest house in a NuLu gated community where Lee will stay from December 11-Christmas. There will be no charge to anyone for these two weeks. By that time, Lee believes she will have completed another rental option for a move until a house is located. When we talked on Saturday, it wasn't certain where she will be staying her first week here with us, but a rental is being researched.

Some of the Transition Welcoming ideas and deeds must wait for location information. The Calvary Care Committee is asked to be ready to supply dinners or casseroles into the church pantry freezer available for Lee to take with her at will.

I have invited small groups to take Lee to lunch every day of her first week (Monday through Thursday) to let her get to know some key people. For example, Don Snow, Senior Warden, will take her to lunch on Monday; the staff on Tuesday, CCH Weds., Calvary's Well on Thursday. It is not a time of interviewing, but simply relaxing and getting to know one another. If you have a small group of 4-5 who would enjoy participating in this, please let me know. Altar Guild? Music Committee? Property Committee? Sunday School parents/grandparents? Just talk to me about it!

Of course, The Hospitality Team will have a reception for Lee in Parker Hall at 12:15 on Dec. 9. I will place details and suggestions about this in a private BLAST coming soon. Stay tuned. Plans are being made and we want everyone involved in welcoming Lee to Calvary. Please send additional suggestions my way!





The Vestry Voice-Stephanie Smith, 2018 Vestry Secretary

The Vestry met on November 20, 2018. There were the following items of note:

- Father John chaired his last meeting and we exchanged thanks and good wishes for his future and that of the parish. We are very grateful for his time with us.
- The Annual Meeting will be January 20, 2019.
- Kristel Fitzgerald is moving out of state and has resigned from the Vestry. In accordance with By-Law provisions, we will elect a member to serve the rest of her term (one year) at the December meeting in order to keep the Vestry election and rotation process consistent. Artie Dietz will assume her role for Christian Education.
- Transition plans for our new rector, Lee Shafer, have swung into high gear in preparation for assuming her new role on December 3. There are lots of hospitality plans and she is looking for a house, as well as temporary housing.
- We reviewed our financial position. The October financials showed revenue of \$54,511 (of which \$27,916 was investment income from our endowment) against budget of \$47,125 and expenses of \$48,547 against budget of \$47,125 for a net positive of \$5,964. YTD we are at \$63,003 against budget of \$0.





Calvary's Mission

In thanksgiving for having been called as children of God to a life of service, we share with one another the love and obedience of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Calvary Church is a liturgical church seeking to bring Christ to a world in need.

We believe that it is our mission to offer Him to an expanding circle of friends and acquaintances and to our immediate neighborhood through: The worship of God in Word and Sacrament;

- Teaching and learning the Christian Life and the traditions of the Episcopal Church;
- The offering of excellence in choral and instrumental music;
- Care for one another through prayer, visitation, fellowship;
- Increasing participation by all members in the life and work of the Church;
- Commitment to the beauty, well-being and preservation of God's creation in nature;
- Commitment to our God-called role to be peacemakers and to do the work of reconciliation in our Church, community, nation and the world.

Through the worship and love of God we are called to:

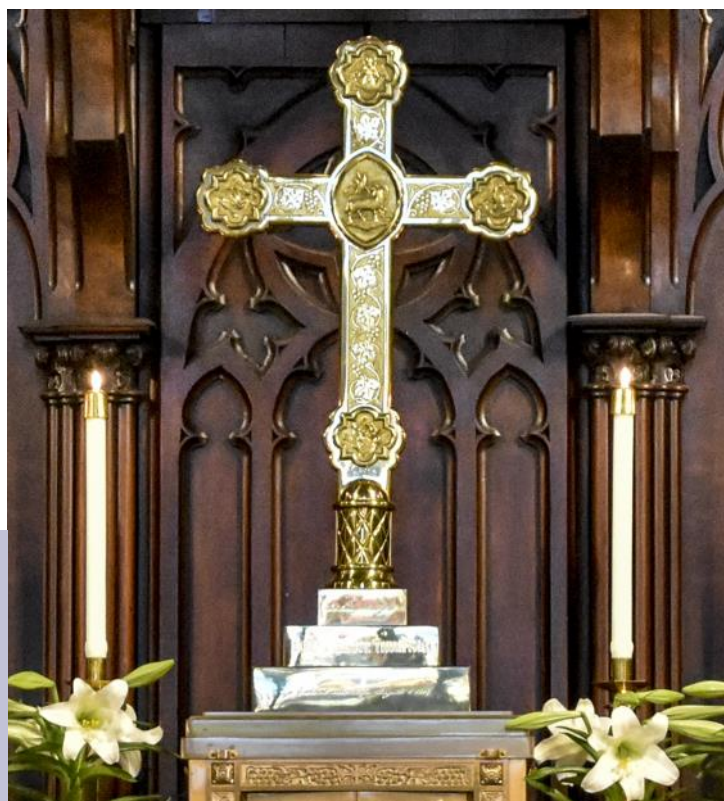
- Make the gospel of Jesus Christ the center of our life and work;
- Welcome all people into our church family;
- Love and support one another;
- Actively seek out the human needs in our community, responding vigorously with compassion and understanding;
- Recognize and affirm the gifts and talents of the community including our parish and our neighborhood.





The Calvary Connection-*Jonathan Smith*

I look forward to assuming the editorship of the Calvary Connection after this issue. I have large shoes to fill, as David Stewart has occupied that seat with both skill and tact for several years now. I am grateful to David both for his years of devoted service and for his help to me personally in making the transition; and I also want to thank Penny Brisson for her leadership on the Communications Committee and work on a standard quality design for all Calvary communications. And I remind YOU, the readers of the Calvary Connection (and here my picture must morph into either Smokey the Bear or Uncle Sam), that YOU are also its writers, and I will be looking for you soon!



Office Hours and Service Times

Sundays

8:30 am Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Traditional Language)
11 am Holy Eucharist - Rite I and II Alternating with Choir

Thursdays

12:05 pm Holy Eucharist with Anointing

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Monday - Thursday 9 am –4 pm

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