

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Matthew 28:19

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A Message From the Rector

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“What do you believe?” I asked the members of the Confirmation class I’m leading for the North Shore deanery. They answered me with the lyrics of their favorite songs. One young woman chose a line from Sarah McLachlan: “It’s not so unusual when everything is beautiful – It’s just another ordinary miracle today.”

This Lent I promised to think about growing closer to God, and post my reflections online every day for you to see. It’s meant a lot to me to know how many of you were following the blog. I knew I couldn’t just slack off for a day or decide I was too busy to write, so for once I actually kept my Lenten discipline! More importantly, I treasured having you with me on the journey, knowing that you share my desire to go deeper in faith. Over the forty days, knowing that I needed to write about my spiritual life every day began to change how I looked at the world. Instead of starting with what I needed to get done, I began to look first for what God had to teach me each day. Often I was sure I would have nothing to say, but again and again I was surprised by God’s presence in the midst of my absolutely ordinary days.

Sometimes we speak of Christ’s time on the cross as if it were extraordinary – as if no human being ever suffered so greatly. Unfortunately, around the world and through-

out the ages, tyrants and criminals have gained power by terrorizing people in very similar ways. In the Roman Empire alone, thousands upon thousands of supposed troublemakers were executed by crucifixion. The miracle is that the divine Christ was fully present in that commonplace suffering. God was there on the hill of Calvary and remains with us every time that human beings experience humiliation and pain, taking our sorrows into his heart and transforming them into joy.

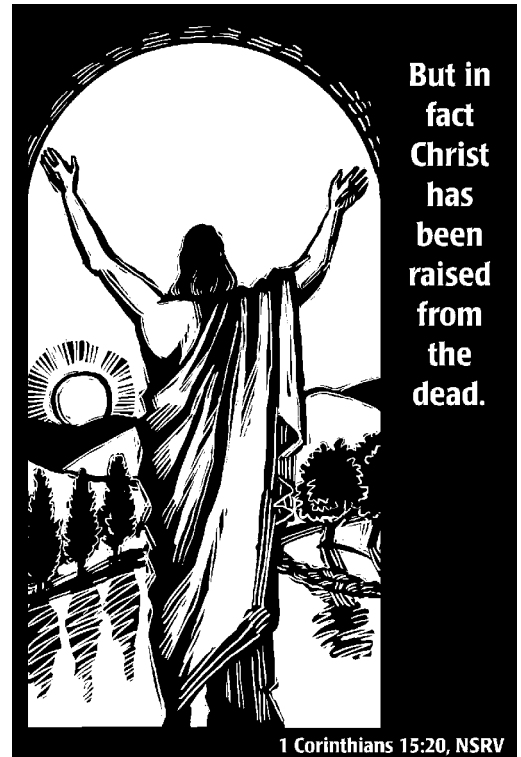
When the women disciples came to Jesus’ tomb to anoint his body, the angels asked them, “Why are you looking for him here? He has gone ahead, to Galilee.” He has left this place of death, and gone to the place where you live. The Risen Christ has gone out not only to the home of his first disciples, but to all the places where we live. Through the power of the Resurrection, his spirit is fully present in every place we go, every person we meet, every moment we turn and look for him. All we have to do is stop and ask ourselves, “Where is Christ and what can he teach me today?” With one simple question, we turn every day into the great feast of Easter.




CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Schedule for April

- 1-Annual Polishing of brass and silver 10:00 a.m.
Healing Eucharist noon in the parlor
- 5-Palm Sunday one service at 10:00 a.m.
- 8-NO Healing Eucharist
- 9-Maundy Thursday service 7:00 p.m.
- 10-Stations of the Cross for children 3:00 p.m.
Good Friday service 7:00 p.m.
- 11-Easter Vigil service/Baptisms 7:00 p.m.
- 12-Easter Day services 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.
- 14-Senior Luncheon at noon
May Newsletter deadline
- 15-Healing Eucharist noon in the parlor
- 22-Healing Eucharist noon in the parlor
- 29-NO Healing Eucharist



Vestry Update

The vestry's final meeting of the winter proved to be a productive one, focusing mostly on the parish's finances and the transition at Stepping Stones. The monthly financial report was skewed a bit by some unexpected income, and Treasurer Bill Hooper revealed that without that money the church would be \$1,303 behind budget. Also, we learned that pledging and giving is off \$651 for the month and \$899 for the year. The vestry discussed ways to safeguard the assets of the church during the transition at Stepping Stones and established a new Stepping Stones committee, which will serve as a bridge between the parish and the leadership at the nursery school. The committee will feature a new position, school treasurer, who will report to the parish treasurer. Also serving on the committee will be the rector, a warden, a current vestry member, and a member of the parish designated as the official liaison with the school. The only member of the committee officially announced at the meeting was the liaison: Melissa West, who graciously volunteered for that role.

The minutes from the vestry meetings are now on the web. You can find them at <http://www.calvaryepiscopal-danvers.org/html/governance.html>.

John Gettings
Clerk of the Vestry



CALVARY'S ANNUAL YARD SALE

By Barbara French

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009

8:00 - 1:00

"One Person's Trash Could Be Another Person's Treasure"

Believe it or not, Spring is just ahead; and with that, usually we start thinking about cleaning and de-cluttering (maybe for no other reason than to be able to accumulate other "stuff"). What better way to accomplish this than to donate your lovingly-used items to Calvary's Yard Sale, and then purchase something to take home.



We will be receiving items (which should be clean and in working condition) from **9:30 to Noon and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, Wednesday, April 22, and Thursday, April 23; or by appointment** if none of these times fit in with your schedule. We will have receivers to sort and price as our "stuff" comes in to make it easier for us to manage and to keep track of things. Please, do not just drop items off when we are not there.

Friday, April 24, will be our set-up day. No items will be accepted on Friday or Saturday.

We will NOT be accepting: stuffed animals, clothing, upholstered furniture, televisions or computer monitors. Small electronics must be in working condition.

Once again, we are going to need many hands to share the workload. If you are able to help (set-up, receive items, price, sort, display, cashier, clean-up, advertise, or any other assistance you can think of), please sign up on the clipboard outside the office.

With help from all of you, we should be able to make this a successful event for Calvary.

If you have any questions: please call or e-mail:

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Elders Edge

Submitted by Julia Saunders

AARP Income Tax Assistance. Trained volunteers will once again be assisting seniors with preparing their income tax at the Danvers Senior Center by appointment only beginning Feb. 1st through April 15th. Appointments will be available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1-4pm. Call the Senior Center at 978-762-0208 to schedule an appointment.

Beware of the latest phone scam! A report has been received of a new phone scam in the Danvers community. Please be extremely cautious of anyone claiming to be calling you on behalf of a relative (grandchild) or friend in trouble and needing cash immediately. You should ask for a phone number to call and speak to your relative directly and report back to the Danvers Police Department. Never give out personal information to people you don't know, regardless of who they claim to be calling for.



The May **Newsletter Deadline** is **Tuesday, April 14.** All entries for the publication must be received by this date for inclusion.

You may email your entries to paulaandsam@aol.com.

Double the Joy

By Paula Noyes

Just **Joy** this month

Two young women will be confirmed on April 25th at St. Peter's Church, Beverly; Kellie MacDonald and Nicole Morrissey (Jane Maihos' granddaughter)

In May we have two weddings; Henry Witham, Jr. (June Henderson's grandson) and Renee Bradley are marrying here at Calvary on May 2nd. Heather Spinney (Grace and John Caribineris' granddaughter) will marry at Endicott College on May 23rd. Thea will officiate.



If you think you may of left something behind at church please check the lost and found box in the conference room. There are also several pairs of glasses, a medal, and a child's cross necklace that can be identified in the parish office.

Christine Hunt has a new and only phone number 978-766-0711. If you have updated contact information or your information was printed incorrectly in the directory please contact the parish office at 978-774-1150.



A Fresh Look at Communion

By Thea Keith-Lucas

On Sunday, March 8, we placed folding chairs around the altar and invited the children to stand on them and get a closer look at the consecration of the bread and the wine. Some of them were so excited that, the minute the Peace began, they rushed to put their quarters in the offering tube and claim a space around the altar. Parents stood nearby to keep everyone safe. The kids listened intently as I described the prayer of consecration, following my gestures: This is how we show we are open to God, this is how Jesus blessed the bread and the wine, this is how we ask the Spirit to come. Attentions wandered a little in the wordy parts (but that happens to us adults too sometimes!). At one point, Sophie Sullivan turned to her mother and whispered, "Is it *blood*? Or is it *wine*?" For me, the children, and for our whole community, it was a joyful opportunity to see the Eucharist through fresh eyes.



Brenda Karolides, Our New Stepping Stones Director

By Paula Noyes

Our new director of Stepping Stones is not so new. She is Brenda Karolides, a present teacher at our pre-school.

"For three years I was an Assistant Director and Educational Coordinator at a private kindergarten in Salem, the Salem Point to be specific."

"I want to make Stepping Stones to be a more theme based and literature based."

Brenda spoke energetically about creating an updated web site for Stepping Stones, recycling and making a 'greener' curriculum, doing more cooking and measuring as a teaching tool and preserving the traditions that have made Stepping Stones great. She wants to get the enrollment up to 88 and hire enough teachers so there is a 8:1 ratio.

"I am meeting with Fran Weil and she is going to help me put together an advertising campaign to promote this school." Fran is our former Senior Warden and is a whiz at publicity.

Brenda has a husband, Mark who is an HR Manager and two children Nicole, 14 and Ryan, 11. Brenda will start June 1st. Welcome and good luck with your goals for Stepping Stones.



Calvary Responds to Church Fire

By Thea Keith-Lucas

On February 22, the sanctuary of the New Fellowship Baptist Church in Dorchester was destroyed by fire. Police believe the blaze was caused by arson. At Bill Hooper's suggestion, our Calvary community decided to reach out to our brothers and sisters in Christ at New Fellowship. The Sunday School children wrote letters of encouragement and donated the proceeds from their quarter tube, which they had filled with coins week by week until it reached \$125. The congregation took up a special collection and added \$200 to the children's gifts. Our Knitters also sent a prayer shawl to comfort the Rev. Stanley Deas, the pastor at New Fellowship.

GINNA COULSON: The Second Part Of a Winning Combination

By Paula Noyes

GINNA COULSON was a perfect partner for Barbara Hooper to run the Altar Guild. Ginna's Mom, Lucy Gunn was an Altar Guild member for many years.

"My mother referred to her duties as 'sacred'." Ginna told me.

Her father, Clem Gunn was an Assistant Minister when Oscar Swensen was our Priest. Ginna has always been surrounded by the sacred.

"I have good memories of the Calvary Crafters and I consider this new job a 'sacred duty'.

GINNA has worked for twenty years as Beverly Hospital where she has run the Parent Education and CPR section.

"I don't have a nursing degree but I have a B.S. in Child Psychology."

GINNA has three children; Joe, 22 at U Mass, Dan, 20 and Lorrie, 17.

Annual Polishing

On Wednesday, April 1, at 10:00 a.m. the Altar Guild and friends will meet in the Parish Hall to polish the silver and brass, to repair vestments ect.

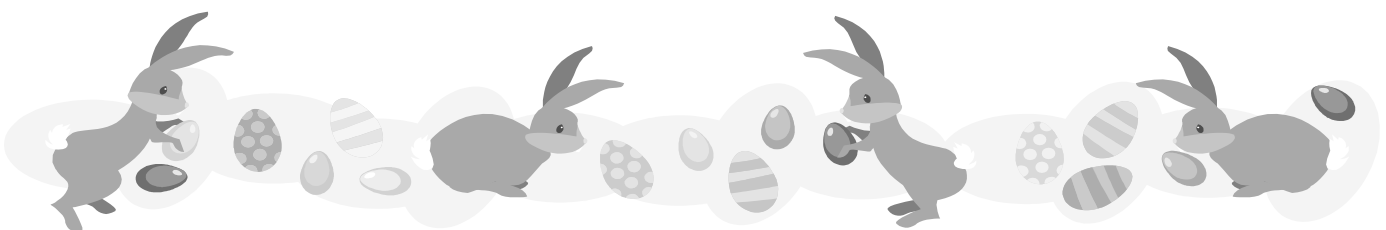
in preparation of Easter. Please join in. Many hands make light work. Lunch will be served.



Outreach Corner By Melissa West

We will be collecting shampoo, soap, and tooth paste, for the families being housed at the Knights and Days Inn. If you can help by donating some personal care items it would be greatly appreciated. Items can be placed in the basket in the Parish Hall. Thanks for your continued support. Melissa West Outreach Coordinator

If anyone needs a card for a **converter box** for a television using an antenna please speak to Melissa West.





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