

"When the steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from...This, the first of the signs Jesus did at Cana."

John 1 2:9, 11

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Calendar of Events	This has been a very special summer for me because of all the couples I'm getting to marry. From May to September, I have a wedding every month. The ceremonies have been different – classic and family-focused, elegant and serene, enormous and elaborately romantic, whimsical and filled with laughter. Each one has shown me the power of true love to bring out the best in people.
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The marriage rite joins two people in "heart, body, and mind". So it is with the marriage between Christ and the Church. As we grow in faith, we join our hearts to Christ's endlessly loving heart, our bodies to Christ's healing, serving, sacrificing, nourishing body, and our minds to Christ's clear and truthful mind.

How do we know when our parish, our own local branch of the great world Church, is married to Christ? Not when the budget balances or the attendance numbers rise or the bishop compliments our programs. We know when we experience the gifts of marriage, which the prayerbook tells us are "mutual joy", "the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity," and the raising up of children in "the knowledge and love of the Lord." Do we take joy in Christ, and feel Christ's delight in us? Do we know that Christ is by our side through prosperity and adversity, and are we ready to help and comfort Christ in return through our service to the world he loves? Are we lifting up the souls of every generation into the knowledge and love of the Lord? Then we are truly united with our Savior.

Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder. Amen.




My regular weekly office hours will be shifting this fall to match my daughter's school schedule. I will be available at the office Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. On Fridays from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM, I will be available by phone at my home office (978-223-1615), or at the parish by appointment. As always, I can also arrange to meet with you in the evenings or on the weekends.

## Schedule for September

- 6 - One Service at 9:00/Baptism
- 8 - October Newsletter Deadline
- 9 - Choir Rehearsal resumes 7:30 p.m.
- 10 - Book Club 7:00 p.m. (Donna Joyce's 9 Bates St., 978-777-4254)  
 Book: Michael Malone, Handling Sin
- 13 - 2 Services 8 & 10 a.m.  
 9:00 a.m. Acolyte Training  
 10:00 a.m. Family Worship with Children's Message & Blessing of the backpacks  
 11:45 a.m. Vestry
- 15 - Senior Luncheon noon
- 16 - Healing Service: A prayerful bible study and simple Eucharist 11:00 a.m. in the parlor
- 19 - Family Game Night 5:00 p.m.
- 20 - Sunday School Begins
- 26 - Vestry Congregational Resource Day
- 27 - Scrapbooking for girls age 9 and up 11:30 a.m.  
 Youth Group: Beatles Rock Band 7:00 p.m.
- 30 - Stepping Stones Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.



**Save the date...**

**7th Annual Blessing of the Animals**

**Saturday, October 3rd, 2009**

**1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

## Outreach Corner By Melissa West

**Outreach** is collecting school supplies and new or gently used back packs for local school children in need in August/September. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Donations can be left in the wicker basket in the Narthex.

Calvary's longest running outreach program continues to provide a hot breakfast every third Saturday at the **Crombie Mission**. Come join the fun. The commitment is only an hour and a half every other month and the great satisfaction of helping others is immeasurable. Contact **Melissa West** if interested in this joyful mission (**978-777-0620**).

### Upcoming events:

October we will be collecting clean gently used warm winter coats for the Salem Mission November/December we will continue our traditional Giving Tree providing gifts for local children in need.

Thank you for your continued support!

Melissa West 978-777-0620

A BIG thank you to Garden Club members who have faithfully donated plants, weeded, pruned and watered this summer. The grounds look fantastic!

## Double the Joy

By Paula Noyes

Welcome to **Hannah Crocker**, daughter of Richard and Amanda Crocker, who will be baptized at the 9:00 AM service on September 6th.

Congratulations to **Katie MacDonald** and **Greg Salois**, who will marry at Calvary on September 19th.

**Dick O'Neil** made a 5,000 mile roundtrip to Texas this year.

"I've never done the trip alone but I just took breaks every two hours and I was fine."

He visited **Marilyn and Joe Schramm** in Virginia Beach. Marilyn used to be our Church Secretary during Rev. Oscar Swensen's tenure and Joe was Senior Warden, at one time. Dick also visited **Lucy Gunn** in Hendersonville, NC. Lucy was our former Altar Guild Director and founded Calvary Caterers with Sue O'Neil. She was also the wife to our beloved former friend and assistant Rev. Clem Gunn. (We have a page devoted to him.) He proceeded on to Texas after that and saw many friends and relatives.

Congratulations Dick on a fabulous vacation and good luck with all your adventures.

## Divide the Sorrow

Calvary Church joins the Diocese of Massachusetts in mourning the passing of the **Rt. Rev. John Coburn**, who died Saturday, August 8, 2009 at the age of 94. Bishop Coburn led our diocese for ten years, from 1976 to 1986. In 1976, as President of the House of Deputies, he oversaw the historic General Convention vote to permit the ordination of women. He is remembered as a spiritual leader and a man of great integrity.

**Agnes M. Gates**

Sept. 3, 1926 – June 28, 2009

Her mother was Beatrice (Gauthier) Dineen. Agnes and Fred Gates married Sept. 7, 1944. She was long-time resident of Danvers. They had four children Sandra, Ronald, Barbara, Richard and Bruce. She is survived by eight grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Besides her husband she is also survived by four siblings; Joseph Dineen, Mary Broughton, William Dineen and John Dineen. She is predeceased by her son, Bruce.

Agnes had a service at Calvary Episcopal Church on June 30, 2009.

**George Watson**

Sept. 1919 - July 14, 2009

Formerly of Danvers, he was the son of the late James and Viola (Cowan) Watson. He was a member of the Watson Farm family famous for their corn and located U.S. Route 1. He was a member of the U.S. Army during World War II. He was the husband of the late M. Annette Watson and they were married for 65 years until her death in 2007.

George was predeceased by his siblings; James and Charles Watson, Mildred Moulton, Eleanor Commette, Evelyn Keith, and Margaret Watson. George is survived by his children; Evelyn Blair, Caroline Martin and his son, George Watson, Jr. with whom he lived. He is also survived by five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. He is survived by his sister Marian Graves as well as his sisters-in-law, Marge Watson and Alma Watson.

His service was in Cerrillos, New Mexico and he had a private graveside service at the Santa Fe National Cemetery, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**Cassie Pechinsky**

Died August 3, 2009 – she was 89 years old.

She was the daughter of the late John and Victoria (Tarnowsky) Surnam. She graduated from Salem High School in 1937 and later graduated from Salem Commercial School in Salem.

She was the wife of William Pechinsky for over 67 years.

She is survived by her son and his wife; Leon and Carol Pechinsky; her daughter and son-in-law and John Novero, her brother. She has seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. She was predeceased by two brothers; Leon and Alfred Suriman.

Her services were held earlier in August.



## My Father, Rev. Clem Gunn, Jr.

By Ginna Coulson

It is such an honor to write about my dad, The Reverend Clem Gunn, who died July 17. My dad and mom, Lucy, have quite a history with our church and I know they still feel like family here.

My dad grew up in the 20's as part of an army family that moved quite often. Much of his childhood was spent in Hawaii and the Philippines. He even had a pet monkey! He enrolled at Georgia Tech only to put college on hold to enlist in the Army Air Corps. He flew on a B-25 bomber as Navigator on various reconnaissance missions.



After the war, my dad graduated from Georgia Tech with a Bachelors in Aeronautical Engineering. He joined NACA (the predecessor of NASA), and then joined General Electric, where he was Manager of Military Aircraft Systems. His career led to the development of the Jet Engines used in the F/18 Hornet, a plane still supporting our troops today. The Navy's Blue Angels use the F/18 also. He was a very smart man. And humble. And loving.

Clem and Lucy married in June of 1948 and had 5 children, Mary, Bev, Dave, Ginna, and Kirk. They have 8 grandchildren. God has always been a strong partner in their marriage.

My father found his calling to God within the walls of our church. He was a friend to the Stepping Stones crew, and a helper to Marilyn Schramm, the parish secretary. He and Oscar Swenson were great buddies, and brought joyful liveliness to our services. My dad designed and built the stain glass windows that watch over us as we pray. (on the back window)

Clem got his Masters of Divinity from the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA and was ordained. He took Lucy further north to New Breton, Newfoundland. Lucy, a true southern gal, had reservations, but gladly heeded God's calling. The warmth and fellowship they received there made the weather a mere after-thought.

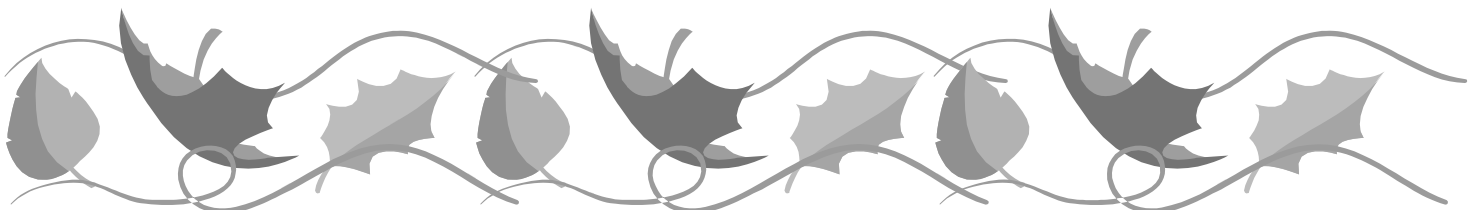
Clem and Lucy then went to St. Andrew's parish in Canton, N.C. followed by a ministry at St. George's Parish in West Asheville. For 20 years my dad ministered to the parishes and continued to seek out those in need. He wrote and distributed "A Christian Interlude" so everyone could share the word of God regardless of their location or condition.

My dad filled every moment of his life. He loved to read and gave this advice to his grandchildren..."never stop learning". Sailing was a passion and he took our family on many exciting adventures up the coast to Nova Scotia, where the fog was so thick you couldn't see the water, and to Bermuda, through torrential storms sure to cast the boat over. Through it all, my dad remained calm, and was a source of strength and security for us all.

While my parents lived in Hendersonville, my dad became an avid photographer of nature. He saw God in the mountains, waterfalls, flowers, and captured His image through his camera lens. But the ocean still beckoned and my parents bought a beach house on Edisto Island, S.C. We had many joyful reunions there with Skipper (which is what his grandchildren called him) leading the body surfing and kite flying competitions.

He was amazing. He is amazing. His love lives inside all of us who knew him.

God Bless!



## Stepping Stones

Stepping Stone's Preschool opens its bright red door this September with Brenda Karolides as our new director. The Stepping Stones Board of Directors made up of Rev. Thea Keith Lucas, Warden Paul French, Stepping Stones Treasurer Erica French, Vestry Member Carol Pechinsky and Liaison Melissa West look forward to building a strong, supportive relationship with our new teachers.

Fran Weil our FABULOUS volunteer Calvary publicist wrote:

Brenda Karolides has been teaching at Stepping Stones since 2002 and is well known by the families and children who have come to love her high level of energy, dedication, creativity and her enthusiasm for her profession and those whom she teaches. She is Teaching Certified and Director Certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

A native of Massachusetts, and well known in the Danvers community, she and her husband Mark and their two children, Nicole, 14, and Ryan, 11, live on the Peabody – Danvers line.

"I'm thrilled about the many opportunities we have at Stepping Stones Preschool. We offer a warm, safe, supportive environment with a rich variety of daily learning activities that encourage our young children to learn, explore, have fun, and develop socially, intellectually, physically and emotionally." She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education, with a minor in Psychology, from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. She then enrolled at Salem State College and earned a Master of Education degree with a major in Early Childhood Education with a focus on Special Education.

Barbara Labadini will serve as lead teacher at Stepping Stones. She comes to the preschool with more than 15 years of experience in the education field. For the last six years, Barbara Labadini was the pre-K and kindergarten teacher at Peas in a Pod Nursery School in Saugus, MA., where she taught in a full-day program and created an environment to effectively meet students' cognitive, social, emotional and physical needs.

Jane Dembowski, a resident of Danvers, brings proficiency in computers and strong people skills to her position as teacher at Stepping Stones. She is a graduate of Fisher College, Boston, with an Associate degree in Business Administration and Northeastern University,



where she earned a Human Resources Certificate. Jane Dembowski is currently enrolled at North Shore Community College where she is taking early childhood courses towards an early childhood certification.

Together, Barbara Labadini and Jane Dembowski will work with Stepping Stones' youngsters by teaching letters, numbers, and shapes, and designing age-appropriate social activities that stimulate self-esteem and encourage social, intellectual and emotional development. Brenda Karolides, the

Stepping Stones director, will also be teaching in the two-day class.

### We're looking for acolytes!

Serving at the altar is an easy and meaningful way to offer your time to God and your church. We invite young people aged 9 and up to begin carrying the Gospel and helping at the altar. Rev. Thea will offer training for new acolytes at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 13.

### Blessing Books: A gathering for girls aged 9 and up

Sunday, September 27 at 11:30 a.m.

Hang out with other girls and make a scrapbook of the things you love. Hosted by Rev. Thea and Heather Spinney-Laidlaw, an experienced scrapbooking instructor. Lunch and basic supplies will be provided. Bring 10-12 photos of your favorite people and things.



### Calvary Youth: Beatles Rock Band Night

Sunday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Come play the tunes of the Fab Four on Rock Band. No musical talent necessary! You're welcome to bring friends. Contact Rev. Thea for more info.



Looking for a place to hold a party, group, or class? Calvary has space available in both the O'Neill Hall and Parish Hall. Please contact **Lauryn Pierre** in the Parish Office (978-774-1150) for more information.





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