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Calvary Episcopal Church is a welcoming, caring, Christian community called to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, grow our spiritual gifts, and serve our neighbors.

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Message from the Editor and the Warden!

This is short issue to close out 2012. A full Chronicle will be published in early/mid January. Thanks to all who have contributed to the Chronicle this year. We are looking forward to an exciting 2013. We are hopeful that our cookbook will get “off the ground” and with all the excitement surrounding “Ken’s Kitchen” we don’t predict too many dull moments around Calvary. Soup Suppers are drawing many regulars and newcomers every month. The nursery has been cleaned of all the clutter, the Sunday School space is neat and clean, and Regina has her new office space. What am I most excited about? Well, it is the supply closet!!! For the first time in years, you can actually walk into it and find things. Jack did an awesome job and I am one happy “camper.” Have you noticed that Jack seems to be everywhere? Clay has insulated the front doors for the winter and they look great. It seems like people are just

“appearing” and doing what needs to be done. Thanks to all of you, and I don’t mean to single anyone out, or leave anyone out. What a great family we have at Calvary. The fundraising was hugely successful thanks to all of you and your hard work. Let’s see what surprises come in 2013!

John here: What can I say to add to this? Barbie said it all! Only that I am so glad to be a member of a church family where many people dive right in and do what needs doing. Calvary is a lively little church and I love that! By the time we get to the announcements, I don’t have to look too far to find something to crow about because you are all around me and that makes me very happy. Merry Christmas and a blessed new year to you all!

December/Christmas Services

- **Sunday, December 23:** The Fourth Sunday of Advent Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.
Pageant Rehearsal During Coffee Hour
- **Monday, December 24:** The Eve of Nativity
4:30 p.m.: Family service, Holy Eucharist and Christmas Pageant
7:00 p.m.: Holy Eucharist with Christmas Lessons and Carols
- **Sunday, December 30: The First Sunday after Christmas Day**

Announcements:

Calvary's Community Soup & Bread Supper – December 27

Our Soup Supper is coming up next week on December 27. Please Sign up in the Undercroft to bring your favorite soup and bread, and to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up! Thanks!!!

We raised just over \$200 in November for Hunger Free Vermont. Donations from our December soup supper will benefit Ken's Kitchen. Please bring your friends and neighbors to enjoy our soups and breads. They must all be tired of cooking for the holidays!!

Call for Greeters & Duty Roster

In reference to Regina's article last month, please let Karen know if you would like to be a greeter at church. Greeters and new acolytes will be added to the duty Roster in January. **Karen needs your availability dates by December 27** so she can get the January through March Duty Roster out to parishioners. If you know you will be traveling or unavailable on particular Sundays, it is much easier to let Karen know before the roster is published so you don't have to find coverage at the last minute.

Annual Meeting

Calvary's Annual Meeting, along with the coffee hour, will be held on Sunday, January 20, 2013 immediately following the service. New vestry members will be elected and delegates will be nominated for Diocesan Convention. Calvary's Annual Report containing our 2012 year end financial report, our 2013 budget and all committee reports will be available for each family. Please have all committee reports in to Karen by Sunday, January 13. Thank you!

Sunday School Dates 2013

Sunday School dates for 2013 will be published in the January Chronicle. It looks like it will be held on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Stay tuned for details from Laura Hill.

January Chronicle

Please submit articles to me by Tuesday, January 8, for the next Chronicle. In the mean- time, please watch the Sunday bulletins for announcements. *Barbie* (jbkoier@gmail.com)

Vestry Minutes: October 21

- Regina's report highlighted the work we did in the community at Harvest Market, giving us the finances to do the work we need to do inside and out. We are oriented at Calvary in stewardship and are invested in our future.
- Financially – Fundraising shows \$5,042 so far. Two tag sales a year are too much work. Maybe do something different in Spring, plant or bake sale. We received a refund of our \$250 gas company deposit. Rental income is up. Pledge is close to where it should be. Report was approved.
- Ken's Kitchen & Undercroft/Office – There will only be one new office, for Regina. Deadbolts now secure all upstairs doors to the undercroft so the area can be open to the public. Jack is working with Tyna's kitchen designer, Todd. The kitchen won't go into the nursery but will go into the undercroft area. The paint/damp smell in Karen's office needs to be addressed.
- Since Laurel is no longer the music leader, we will hold a Thank You event in the near future.
- Stewardship – Regina discussed "theology of abundance". Church musicians are an investment in our church community. Suggestions: invite people to speak up and witness the church in their lives, write a letter to people talking about what has happened recently that is good. Letter should not come from the senior warden. We will ask Chuck.

- Earth Stewardship Project – Wendy Grace at Trinity Church is heading this up for presentation at Convention. Regina will be in touch with Wendy.
- Soup Supper beneficiaries – October-Food Shelf, November-Hunger Free VT, December-Habitat for Humanity. Pam spoke out against giving to Humane Society since the shelters are importing out of state animals, some with diseases. The point of the Soup Supper is to help the people not the animals.
- Christmas plans – two services Christmas Eve: Pageant at 4:30 pm Kid-Free service at 7:00 pm including carol sing & Eucharist (no bells and smells)
- A donation of \$100 was approved to thank the United Church of Underhill for organizing the Harvest Market event. Did the person selling art near the soup sales booth give us a donation?
- Thank you to Llanda for taking minutes the second half of the meeting.

• Vestry Minutes: November 11

- Regina’s report highlighted the undercroft and kitchen work being done. The project will enable our parish to better fulfill its vocation to ministry. It will also call out ministries: deep listening to others in the congregation, speaking truth in love, problem-solving, which tool does the job, being watchful for safety, hope, and supporting each other in finding our voices.
- Financially – We are in good shape. We now have \$2,364 to spend on Ken’s Kitchen. Soup Supper donations to the Food Shelf will be kept separate from other donations for the Food Shelf. Diocesan investments with Fidelity were up 17% in 2012. Maybe we should consider Fidelity again. Regina will use \$100 from Clergy Education expenses for her doctorate work.
- The report was approved.
- Soup Suppers – John would like to see a committee formed. He will organize the committee. Their deciding power is up for vestry discussion, but all decisions are theirs to make.
- Ken’s Kitchen & Undercroft/Office – Jack got rid of stuff to good homes, making more room for storage. The closet is clean, shelves are

up, door will open “out”, floor will be bleached and painted. Karen L. will donate a stove to the kitchen and Tyna & Jack will donate a sink. A suggestion box is needed.

- Liturgical Ministry Licenses – Regina will review and renew current licenses. Sue Prescott will undergo training as a Eucharistic Visitor. Fran asked about Safer Church training renewal. Karen will contact the Diocese to see what the plan is for 2013.
- Convention Notes from Fran – An Alleluia Fund will be set up for Lent. Stirrings of the Spirit will help immigrant farmers. Folks can sign up to drive these people to visit family. The Budget passed and ministers received a raise. Speaker Bishop Curry was amazing.
- Rector’s Six Month Evaluation – Regina has been here 8 months. John will check with the Diocese for a review plan. A small questionnaire could get feedback from parishioners.
- Llanda repeated her “thank you” to Regina for visiting her father.
- Stewardship Committee Formation – What does it mean spiritually and physically? An investment in all we do. Fran has Angie Emerson’s plan for this committee formation.
- Response to Hurricane Sandy – A special offering could be taken this Sunday. Soup Supper donations will be kept local. Karen asked that Long Island be included in the aid to New Jersey and New York City.
- Christmas – Pageant at 4:30 pm led by Laura Hill. Carols & Eucharist at 7:00 pm. Greeters will be needed.
- Karen asked that more time be given during the service to find our places. New music, prayers, etc. need to be found, and people are confused about going between Hymnal, BCP and inserts.

May Your Heart and Home be Filled with the Joyful Spirit of Christmas