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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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Interim's Letter

By the Reverend Dr. Linda Maloney

Dear People of Calvary,

In December 2009 I came to be your interim pastor, expecting to stay six or eight months. Two years and three months later, it is time for me to say goodbye. I've loved every minute of my time with you, and I will miss you all so very much! I have tried to help you heal your wounds, regain your confidence, and take charge of your destiny, with God's help—and I think that together we have succeeded. Calvary remains a "goal," never a stopping-place on the road. It's a paradoxical goal: the place of crucifixion. But it is also the place from which new life has come, and continues to come, for you and for all the world. Under the leadership of your new Rector you will surely continue to blossom and grow, to travel on toward your destiny. I expect to be hearing great things about you, from afar.

When you visit Franklin County, please drop by. You will remain in my heart and in my prayers every day.

Your Interim,

Linda✠

Services: February and March

- **Wednesday, February 22:** Ash Wednesday Liturgy at 7:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, February 26:** The First Sunday in Lent. Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.
- **Sunday, March 4:** The Second Sunday in Lent. Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.
- **Sunday, March 11:** The Third Sunday in Lent. Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.
- **Sunday, March 18:** The Fourth Sunday in Lent. Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. **Vestry Meeting**
- **Sunday, March 25:** The Fifth Sunday in Lent. Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.

Other Important Holy Days

- **February 24:** Feast Day of St. Matthias the Apostle
- **March 19:** Feast Day of St. Joseph the Apostle
- **March 26:** The Annunciation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary
- For scriptural readings for these holy days, see BCP, page 997

Thoughts and Prayers

Please remember in your prayers: The Bloch family, family of Amy Bombard, and the Connelly family, Jay Foy, Patricia Gillespie, Karen Lawsing, Joseph Lawsing, Susan Lehman, Marta Mares & family, Sophie Pycella, the

Westman family, all of our college students, and all of our military men and women, home and abroad, especially Jesse Arbogast, Aaron Decker, and Scott Jackson.

Warden's Corner

I am excited that not only is our search over, but we have a new minister who will start serving Calvary on Sunday, March 11. Right up until last Saturday afternoon yours truly was not sure where we were going with this search. Then in walked Jack, the man with the plan. The plan was to use a simple evaluation tool to compare the strengths of the candidates relative to Calvary's requirements from the parish survey and profile. Ten of us met at Karen Lawsing's house and at the end of two hours of deliberation we had a unanimous decision.

As I looked around the table at everyone I reflected that Calvary now has strong lay leadership. These are people willing to speak up and willing to listen to other's opinions without judgment, people who have a vision for Calvary going forward, people I am happy to hang out with.

The Reverend Regina Christianson has been chosen as Calvary's next Rector. Regina is currently living in Stowe and has been serving the congregation of St Paul's Episcopal Church in Windsor, VT for the last two years. Regina brings many years of experience to Calvary. She is, among many other things, an accomplished musician, a gifted preacher and a caring counselor. Regina will be joined by her husband Stephen, who is also a gifted musician. Music is very important to them both, so look forward to the possibility of Calvary having a choir in the near future.

This has been a long run for Calvary. We have been in this search process for over two years now, but not without a caring minister. Our long serving interim Linda has been with us through this whole time and has cared for our congregation with unflagging devotion and courage. Her deep knowledge of scripture and sense of humor that shine forth in her sermons have captivated many. These two plus years have been good for both Calvary and Linda✠.

Working together, we have healed the past, grown stronger, clarified our mission and are now ready for the future. After the service this Sunday, we will be celebrating and appreciating Linda's ministry to Calvary with a brunch in the undercroft.

In case you are wondering how Calvary's mission may have been clarified and what that vision is for Calvary going forward let me get you up to speed. We have decided to act out the last part of Calvary's mission statement: "serve our neighbors." We are going literal with this statement and have been serving homemade soup and bread to our neighbors since June. Our neighbors have responded with appreciation, gathered in joyful fellowship and contributed generously to the charitable needs of our local community. We are memorializing Ken Wiggin (the leader of the charge for The Soup and Bread Suppers) by launching Ken's Kitchen and now we are working on a revamp of the whole undercroft area thanks to Jack. Sunday School is growing to meet the needs of more young families and thanks to the Hills for running that program.

The future is now. Let's live it together.

John

Lenten Soup and Scripture Series

Jericho/Underhill clergy have decided to host a **Soup and Scripture Series** on the five Wednesdays between Ash Wednesday and Holy Week at lunchtime. We will rotate churches weekly, beginning promptly at 12 noon and concluding at 12:45 pm. Please join us for soup and a generous serving of the bread of life. The schedule is as follows:

- February 29:** United Church of Underhill hosted by Rev. Goldenbogen
- March 7:** Calvary Episcopal Church hosted by Rev. Maloney
- March 14:** St. Thomas Roman Catholic Church hosted by Rev. Danielson
- March 21:** Jericho Cong. Church hosted by Rev. Anderson
- March 28:** Jericho United Methodist Church hosted by Rev. Goodwin

Holy Week and Easter Services

The schedule for Holy Week, including the Good Friday Walk, and Easter will be in the next Chronicle due to be out no later than March 23.

Announcements:

Calvary's Community Soup & Bread Supper

Our Soup and Bread Supper attendance is climbing, so the word must be getting out. On January 26 we had 30 attendees, and we raised just over \$200 for Vermont's Habitat for Humanity. The soups continue to be amazing and delicious with a wide variety. We already have eight soups coming for this Thursday's supper (February 23). Please continue to remind your friends and neighbors of the suppers. Donations from the February 23 supper will benefit our local Food Shelf. If you have a local charity you would like funds to go to, please let John or Karen Lawsing know. Any questions? Please call John or Barbie Koier at 899-1830.or e-mail them at jbkoier@gmail.com or call Karen Lawsing at 899-4801. Thanks!

Sunday School Dates

Sunday school will be held on the following Sundays unless you hear otherwise from Laura Hill.

February 26	May 6
March 11	May 20
March 25	June 3
April 8: Easter & Egg Hunt	June 17
April 15	

Music

If you have a favorite hymn that we haven't sung lately, please let Laurel, John, or Llanda know. We do take requests! Please call or email Laurel, John, or Llanda...or leave a note on the organ. Thanks!

Your friendly musicians...

Ecumenical Food Shelf

Please continue to only **donate canned fruits**. Over 50 families were served this month and food supplies are running low. So please

remember to donate canned fruit! Distribution is on the **third Saturday** of each month. Thanks to all of you who continue to donate! If you would like to assist with setup on the Thursday before distribution, distribution on Saturday, or if you have questions, please contact Dave or Fran Ganter at 899-5489.

Vestry Minutes – December 11

- MDC members were present to discuss plans for interviewing candidates.
- The November Treasurer's Report was presented. Plate and pledges are down and the Capital Campaign Fund is low. Year end statements will let families know their status. Convention expenses were low because delegates paid their own expenses. Expenses exceed income by \$1,300.00.
- Pam presented the 2012 budget. Changes were made from last year's budget to make figures for 2012 more realistic. New pledges are still coming in. The budget was approved with the plan to revisit it on a regular basis and with special thanks to Pam.
- Our new Mission Statement will be printed, framed and up in the narthex by Annual Meeting.
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is interviewing candidates for a new pastor. We will want to encourage continued fellowship between both of us.
- Church greening will be Sunday, December 18 following pageant rehearsal.
- We will have one Christmas Eve service at 4:30 pm.
- Ken's Kitchen project manager Jack Manning has written a letter to the congregation regarding the kitchen renovation program, which will be launched at the Annual Meeting.

March Chronicle

Please submit articles to me by Wednesday, March 21, for the next issue of the Chronicle. In the interim, please watch the Sunday bulletins for weekly announcements. Thanks! *Barbie* (jbkoier@gmail.com)

Fun Stuff...

How Children Perceive Their Grandparents:

1. She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye...
2. My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 62. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"
3. After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"
4. A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"
5. My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.
6. A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."
7. I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these colors yourself!"
8. When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."
9. When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised. "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."
10. A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting." She said. "How do you make babies?" "It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."
11. Children's Logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."
12. A grandfather was delivering his grand-children to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one child. "No," said another. "He's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."
13. A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."
14. "Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him!"