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# The Calvary Chronicle

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### Interim's Letter

The Reverend Dr. Linda Maloney is taking a break this month, and a well-deserved one at that!

### Services: October & Early November

- **Sunday, October 9:** The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.
- **Sunday, October 16:** The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. **Vestry Meeting.**
- **Sunday, October 23:** The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.
- **Sunday, October 30:** The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.

- **Sunday, November 6:** The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.
- **Sunday, November 13:** The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. **Vestry Meeting.**

### Other Important Holy Days

- **October 18:** Feast Day of Saint Luke, the Evangelist
- **October 24:** Feast Day of Saint James of Jerusalem
- **October 28:** Feast Day of Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles
- **November 2:** Commemoration of All Faithful Departed
- For scriptural readings for these holy days, see BCP, pgs 999-1000.

### Thoughts and Prayers

Please remember in your prayers: Jim Bresee, Irene Bloch, Pam Bloch, the family of Amy Bombard, Calvary Episcopal in Bastrop, TX, Margaret Connelly and family, Karen Lawsing, Catherine & 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

Hurray everyone for a great Harvest Market showing. You all did us proud! Just one of the reasons that I enjoy working The Harvest Market: I get to work with you and you are all **awesome!** I don't get to hang out with most of you as often

as I would like and work events like the Sausage Booth and the monthly Soup and Bread Supper are glorious opportunities for me to get to know you better. There is something about doing a job together that makes it easier for me, a shy person, to share myself. Standing or sitting around trying to make “small talk” doesn’t always work for me.

On October 11, Calvary’s heating system will be converted from fuel oil to natural gas. A decision your vestry made back in the spring. This is projected to save us a significant amount of money on our heating bills, our furnace and chimney will never have to be cleaned again, and we will be spewing less carbon into the atmosphere. That seems like a sensible decision in all regards.

Thirteen people walked through Calvary’s door to attend the last Soup and Bread Supper, which together with the eight of us, made a very cheery crowd. We are seeing a lot of the same faces and a stranger or two who just happens to see the sign as they are driving by. There were more soups than the stove could handle and breads of several different types. We raised \$167.00 for Vermont Irene Relief from the free will offering basket at the door. I noticed that our undercroft seemed a warmer and livelier place even after everyone had left, and that makes me think we are heading in the right direction!

As you know, I agreed to assume the position of senior warden as a result of Ken’s untimely passing. There is certainly sadness about having to step in for a man who had so much to give to us and who wanted to continue giving of himself for many years to come. This was his hope that he expressed to me a week or so before he left for Boston and surgery. Being an occasionally stubborn and contrary individual, I’ve had this recurring thought: I’m not willing to let Ken’s giving presence disappear from Calvary. Nope, I’m going to carry Ken and his heartfelt desire forward even though the unthinkable has happened.

Hope you will tell me what’s on your heart and mind these days and what your ideas are about Calvary and our life together.

Loving you,

John

## Announcements: Calvary’s Community Soup & Bread Supper

The September 25 Soup and Bread Supper was attended by 13 community guests, Fran’s daughter, Sue Grab, and granddaughter, Abby, helped us out that night and even brought two soups to share. Some attendees are repeat guests and some are new. It seems like the word is getting out there. The next supper will be held on **Thursday, October 27**. Notification will be given to the Food Shelf director so that flyers can be put in food bags. Karen will email other churches to put our announcement in their bulletins and the Mountain Gazette. If you have any questions, please call John or Barbie Koier at 899-1830 or e-mail at [jbkoier@gmail.com](mailto:jbkoier@gmail.com) or Karen Lawsing at 899-4801. Thanks!

## 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...*

## Harvest Market & Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Harvest Market Sausage Booth, Tag Sale and Raffle! Many days and hours were spent in preparation and clean up. Our collective appreciation goes out to all who worked so hard toward achieving our goals. Our original fundraising budget for the year was \$4,000. We fell just 10% short of that goal. Our Harvest Market weekend totals are as follows: Fall Tag Sale - \$1,115.32; Sausage Booth & Desserts - \$1,649.75; Raffles - \$171.00. The Spring Tag Sale raised \$759.67, for a fundraising total for the year of \$3,695.74. Great effort by everyone!!

## Ecumenical Food Shelf

Please continue to **donate canned fruits**. Vegetables are not needed at this time. 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.

## Margaret Connelly

Just a reminder that Margaret is still temporarily living in a nursing facility in Rhode Island. If you would like to send her a note or card, please send it to:

Margaret Connelly  
Roberts Health Centre  
25 Roberts Way  
North Kingstown, RI 02852

## Vestry Minutes – August

### August 7 Minutes:

- Treasurer’s report indicates we are meeting our bills. In Sept. Pam will send in the deposit for our gas connection.
- Audit report – Jeff presented his report. No changes from last year. Report was approved.
- Linda has been here one year. Bishop Ely has extended her time here. Linda urged us to keep in touch with the Lutherans. She felt that by Diocesan Convention we might have called someone.
- Bishop Ely will be here Sept. 11. We will have a brunch following the service.
- Three quotes have been received for removing our oil tank after the gas conversion. Environmental Products & Services quote was chosen at \$2,618.00. Tank will be removed mid October.
- Our parish profile is almost done. Next Sunday the vestry will meet to approve.
- It is necessary that we contact our parishioners to get their thoughts on a joint ministry with Good Shepherd.
- It was suggested that we invite a teen (maybe Connor Premo) to join the vestry.
- Harvest Market will include a raffle instead of a silent auction this year. Jeff will take on the sausage booth with John and Barbie.

### August 21 Minutes:

- The Parish Profile was presented. After some minor changes, the profile was approved.
- It will be sent to Lynn Bates at the Diocese. It can then be posted on the national website,

which is visited by priests looking for a position.

- Ken was in contact with Ann Mallet of Good Shepherd. They are talking with key members to get feedback on a Calvary/Good Shepherd partnership. Some Calvary feedback so far indicates we need to proceed slowly. This is only an option and no decisions have been made. People need time to pray about this.

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## Next Chronicle

Please submit articles to me by Thursday, November 3 for the next issue of the Chronicle. In the interim, please watch the Sunday bulletins for weekly announcements. Thanks!

Barbie ([jbkoier@gmail.com](mailto:jbkoier@gmail.com))

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## Fun Stuff...



**Some Prayers to Say While Carving Pumpkin Faces**

After Liz Curtis Higgs wrote the popular children’s book *The Pumpkin Patch Parable*, people began using her analogies to say a prayer while carving their Halloween pumpkins. The pumpkin prayer, a Christian alternative to Halloween traditions, reminds people of all ages what God has done for us. Use it this month when your family makes jack-o’-lanterns.

- While cutting off the top of the pumpkin, pray, “Lord, open my mind so I can learn new things about you.” (See Proverbs 1:7)
- While removing the seeds and pulp, pray, “Remove the things in my life that don’t please you. Forgive the wrong things I do, and help me forgive others.” (See Matthew 6:14-15)
- While making eyes, pray, “Open my eyes to see the beauty you’ve made in the world around me.” (See Psalm 104:24)

- While making the nose, pray, “I’m sorry for the times I’ve turned up my nose at your many gifts.” (See James 1:17)
- While making the mouth, pray, “Let everything I say please you.” (See Psalm 19:14)
- While lighting the candle, pray, “Lord, help me show your light to others through the things I do.” (See Matthew 5:16)

After carving your pumpkins, display them as examples of how God’s love transforms us into new creations. (See 2 Corinthians 5:17)

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## Recipe

Here is the recipe for the Spanish Rice & Beans that Llanda made and brought to the brunch with the Bishop. Thanks Llanda!

### Spanish Rice and Beans

- 1 can (15 oz) kidney beans (I use organic)
- 1 pkg Near East Spanish Rice
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 cup frozen chopped broccoli or 1 cup chopped green pepper
- 1 medium onion (chopped)

Cook rice according to package directions, adding celery, broccoli/pepper, and onions during the cooking.

After most of the liquid is absorbed, add in the kidney beans. Cook further until the kidney bean liquid is absorbed.

This freezes well. I usually freeze it in individual servings.

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## Calvary’s Coat of Arms

This coat of arms was designed by David Shuffleburg. It will become part of the 175<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Anniversary project, “The Welcoming Wall,” at the Cathedral. A project by Dave and Judith McManis.

Below is a description in heraldic terms: Argent, on a mount in base vert, a stag lodged regardant proper under a cross or draped purple, a chief of three bars dancetty azure, argent vert. Please see below for glossary of terms)

The symbolism of the design: the blue is the sky; the white and green zigzags represent the mountains of the area in winter and summer. The green hill and cross depict Calvary and the purple cloth portrays the passion, suffering, and royalty of Jesus. The stag lying at the foot of the cross represents vigilance and protection of the faith. The stag also represents two of the area’s founding families – Underhill and Mansfield. Research in James Fairbairn’s book “Crests of the Families of Great Britain and Ireland” depict a stag in crests of both families. The cross and stag being located under the zigzags also alludes to Underhill.



- argent – the metal silver (color white)
- azure – the color blue
- bars – horizontal stripes across the shield
- base – the bottom portion of the shield
- chief – the upper portion of the shield
- dancetty – a zigzag line of partition having three points
- draped – adorned with a cloth
- lodged – laying down
- mount – a mound or hill
- or – the metal gold (color yellow)
- proper – the natural color/s of an item
- purple – the color purple
- regardant – looking back
- vert – the color green