



EGYPT - Joseph's Journey from prison to palace

Come spend a while on the Nile, and experience Joseph's incredible faith journey at this summer's Vacation Bible School, to be held July 26 - 30.

Beginning at 9:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, we will gather with our family group for the opening celebration of energetic singing. After family time, we will visit the Marketplace Shops to discover the *EGYPT* that Joseph knew. In Marketplace, we might create an Egyptian board game, craft a Cairo jeweled collar, sample unique treats at the Food Shop, and more.

Registration forms will be in the mail, pick them up in the Old Well Hall, or you may call the church office - 684-6266. Cost is \$10.00 per child.

Your Assistance Needed for Vacation Bible School

Are you a child at heart? Do you love children and enjoy working with them? Are you willing to share God's love with children? Adults and youth beginning with sixth grade are needed to help with VBS. Sign up for a leadership role, and you will have an incredible week of fun at *EGYPT - Joseph's Journey from prison to palace*. VBS provides a wonderful opportunity for you to get to know the children in our parish and their friends. There are a variety of areas where help is needed. If you have 3 ½ hours a day or a few days (8:45-12:15) that you would be willing to spend with children ranging in age from 4 years old through 5th grade, call Michelle Fountain - 684-7529 or Jill Meares - 684-6266 to sign up.

August Supper is August 21

Are you interested in helping with this year's August Supper? We are looking for planners and doers.

Calvary's original summer suppers began in the 1800s as "Miss Fannie's Supper" (after Fannie Blake) to raise money for the church and to unite people through the bounty of homegrown vegetables and home cooked foods. The suppers stopped for a time in the late 20th century, but were re-established five years ago.

If you have a garden, please consider planting an extra row for this endeavor. If you would like to be involved, watch for meeting dates and join us as we make plans.

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry gets weekly donations of bread and baked goods from Earth Fare, Fletcher Valley Natural Foods and soon Panera Bread. We are very grateful to these businesses for helping in our commitment to provide for neighbors in need. Volunteers go to these businesses to pick up the bread and bring it back to the church. We sure would love to have a few additional people to do this simple job and hope you will consider helping out. The bread is available to us on Friday afternoon and Saturday and Sunday mornings. If this is a way for you to lend a hand please sign our green sheet on the table and put "bread" by your name. Someone will contact you with more information. Thanks so much!

Continuing Food Pantry Needs

Macaroni & cheese, juice, and spaghetti sauce.

Book Club Meets August 8

Come join us in the library at 4:00 over a cup of tea to discuss *Playing the Enemy*, by John Carlin. This is the thrilling, inspiring account of Nelson Mandela and the game that made a nation.

Pictorial Directory

After several months of problems and delays, we now have Calvary's pictorial directory in hand. Parishioners who had a picture taken for the directory will find their labeled copy in the Old Well Hall. Simply check your name off the list when you pick it up. Directories are also available in the parish office during the week.

IAM's School Supply Drive

Each year, Interfaith Assistance Ministry collects donations of school supplies and backpacks for students whose families are in financial crisis. Last year, IAM provided school supplies for 603 Henderson County children. Supplies will be collected July through August. You can drop off donations at the IAM offices in Hendersonville, or at Calvary.

Needed supplies include 3-ring binders, notebook dividers, calculators, college and wide ruled loose leaf paper, colored pencils and markers, highlighters, pink erasers, pencil sharpeners, boxes and pouches, glue sticks, rulers, safety scissors, crayons, and backpacks.

For more information, call IAM at 697-7029.

Veteran's Quarters Meal

Calvary provides lunch on the second Wednesday of every month at the Veteran's Restoration Quarters. The next meal will be served on Wednesday, July 14. Look for sign-up sheets in the Old Well Hall. Sign up today!

St. Anne's Guild Monthly Meeting

St. Anne's Guild will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 14 in the Commons Room to continue our study of Revelation - Chapters 12 & 13. Members, bring a sandwich. All are welcome!

Health Ministry Notes

This month I would like to discuss with you the important topic of Cultural Diversity/Conflict and the role of the faith community. Recent events have prompted renewed attention on this issue, and challenge the church to look at our culture, ourselves, and who we are as a faith community. Since the time of Genesis 11, people have struggled with differences in cultural and language. As Christians, we can be affirmed by the certain knowledge that the message of Jesus' healing love draws all of His children together (Pentecost-Acts 2).

Culture is an important issue for us within the Church, because culture affects people, their faith, and their health. Culture is a system of values, beliefs, customs and behaviors that are shared among a group of people. Culture influences what we consider to be important, our lifestyle and health practices; how we communicate and relate with others, family and parenting practices, and spirituality and ethics. We have a tremendous privilege to share Jesus in both word and deed with those who differ from us. Additionally, almost every health statistic indicates that non-white persons lag far behind in access to basic healthcare when compared to white persons of any income level.

We can be more responsive to the human needs as a living expression of our faith (Matthew 25: 44-45). We should pray for God to open our hearts and minds to other cultures and minorities. We should develop an appreciation for other cultural practices by attending a worship service in which we would be the "outsider" and reflect on what it feels like for some of our visitors. Support the ministries of our Calvary and

our diocese to those who are different and less fortunate than we. Help build bridges rather than walls to those of other cultures.

If you would like to discuss multicultural ministry, and/or any other human care or health situation, please call or see me and we can learn together.

A nurse is available for blood pressure screening in the priest's vesting room after each service on the second Sunday of the month and in the parish hall on the fourth Saturday each month between 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Also Linda Wozniak is available to discuss any individual nutrition-related needs you have.

Save the Date: Wednesday, October 20, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. for our first health fair event. More details to follow next month.

I am in the church office most Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. for health counseling or home visits for blood pressure screening, medication management and/or home assessments and health resources. Please call the church office if you would like to talk or visit with me.

- In the Healing Christ,
Betty Robbins, RN, Parish Nurse

Healing Prayer Helps

The focus of all healing prayer should be to establish communion with God and then, while in communion with God, to become receptive to receive the healing that God wills. When our prayers for healing evolve out of our communion with God, there is no limit to the grace that God is able to bestow upon us.

Healing Prayer Ministry is offered at Calvary on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m., on the first and third Sundays at both services, and on the second Sunday at Taizé.

Finding the More Excellent Way ~

Celebrating God's Gifts in One Another
A retreat led by The Rt. Rev. Porter Taylor
Sponsored by the Gay & Lesbian Ministries
of the Diocese of WNC.
Held at Calvary Church
July 24, 9:30a.m. - 4:00p.m.
Cost: \$10 (includes lunch)

In the 12th chapter of his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul articulates a vision of the Church that we still struggle to embrace. His image is the Body of Christ made of many varied members. Paul calls for us to move beyond division and even beyond tolerance to find a “more excellent way” to honor all parts of the Body of Christ.

Morning and afternoon sessions will explore the giftedness of all baptized persons and then focus on finding “the more excellent way” of going beyond divisive perspectives by being turned by God so that we see the world as Christ does and move as a Church to become more fully the Body of Christ. Each session will include Bible Study, a reflection by the Bishop, small group discussion and a plenary. The day will close at 4:00PM following Eucharist with music from the Calvary Taizé Players.

Although this retreat grew out of conversations with LGBTQ Episcopalians regarding the particular gifts they bring to the church, all spiritual seekers are welcome as we seek to unite in community beyond all categories such as gender, race, or class. To register, please email [Alice Keenan](mailto:Alice.Keenan@diocesewnc.org) (reception@diocesewnc.org) by July 17.

Dear Calvary Church:

Thank you all for your thoughtful “get well” wishes and prayers during my most recent hospitalization. Blessings to Fr. Vic for his visit! Special thanks to Lois Pryor for bringing me the bright and beautiful yellow flowers from the altar. They brought sunshine to my room at Mission and at our home. I am grateful to everyone.

- Warren Peterson

Calvary Prayer List

Immediate Concerns - John Smith, Jennifer Sweeney, Guy Puckett, Celestine Rhodharmer, Alison Woodrow, Marge Roome, Juanita Gaddy, Warren Peterson, Paul Thiel, Gene Shipley, Carl Patrick, June Wolfe, Helen Diggs, Jackie Combs, Sarah Brown, Dot Kerr, Julia Williams, Ed Jaqua, John Woosley, Linda Bregartner, Bill Jackson, Evelyn Neville, Peggy Hayes, Dan Roberts, Greg Coulson, Elaine Taft, Dawn Dyer, Kelly King, Saylor, Christopher, Nokb, Carol Ann, Cathy, Joe, Kenn, Misty, Dorothy

Ongoing Prayer Requests - Betty Shuford, Virginia McGee, Lou Luther, Dan Kuyat, Tracy Iurato, Martha Emery, Anne Rodgers, Kaye Harvey, Irene Presley, Clelia Savarino, Andrew Glasgow, Leann Wood, Louise Dunlap, Norma Gaddy, Ben Wald, Beth Allison, Ann Platzer, Barbara Burkhardt, Marie Schmittner, Anna Koster, Corda Maney, Bill & Jean Marberger, Kay Levine, Ruby Ledbetter, Maddox Hare, Amber; those seeking Holy Orders, especially Jill Meares

Departed - John Drag