

THE CLARION

A Monthly Newsletter of the Episcopal Churches on the Mountain
Calvary Chapel and Church of the Transfiguration

NOVEMBER 2010

"It is the mission of Calvary Chapel and the Church of the Transfiguration to witness to Jesus Christ in worship, study, fellowship and care for our community and world."

Church of the Transfiguration and Calvary Chapel

*The Rt. Rev. Dr. Nathan D. Baxter, Bishop
Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania*

The Reverend Canon John McDowell, Rector

Tim Crilley, Senior Warden

Arthur Cox (2011), Junior Warden

VESTRY, 2010

*Arthur Cox (2011)
David Davidson (2011)
Dick Sheasley (2011)
Dana Burns (2012)
Edith von Jess (2012)
John von Jess (2012)
Debby Hampton (2013)
Jean Lengel (2013)
Larry Lengel (2013)*

DIOCESAN MISSION STATEMENT:

*We are partners in Christ
with the Love of God
on our lips and in our lives.*

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Canon McDowell will normally be here with us on Sundays, Tuesdays (except the third Wednesday of the month when he will be here all day and for the Vestry meeting). Should you wish to contact him or see him please give a call at before you stop by, just in case he's out and about. His phone is (717)440-1309, and his email is: john.mcdowell@comcast.net

Dearly Beloved,

What incredible celebrations you created to greet Hatty and me to "The Mountain"! We thank you: the food, the joy, the warmth of your welcome ... all are blessed, holy experiences which we treasure.

Relationships are such precious treasures. At the very beginning, we are filled with hopes and dreams of what they may become. Meeting you all in these last few months has been filled with a measure of those hopes.

None of us can imagine what lies ahead! But we never can know, for certain, what lies ahead – in either relationships or life.

We can learn to know – and trust and love – those who accompany us on the pilgrimages of our lives.

The way you share the Peace of God (and the affection and love of each other) speaks loudly of the character of these congregations.

You care, share, reach out to each other and the larger community ... you strive to live out God's presence in the communities of which you are a part.

The journey that we now make together promises to be a holy pilgrimage, and Hatty and I rejoice to be a part of this season of your lives!

Faithfully yours,

John

**For pastoral emergencies you may contact
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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 **Keeley Debra Andrea Pryor**
- 4 **Brady Charles Bakner**
- 5 **Jane Pryor**
- 11 **Josh Brown**
John vonJess
Jean Lengel
- 12 **Sean Hampton**
- 13 **Edith vonJess**
Dana Burns
- 15 **Paul Wyatt**
- 16 **Lori (Funk) Miller**
- 20 **Bill Yingling**
Angela Mae Finneyfrock
- 23 **David McJonathan**
- 26 **Quinn Hampton**
- 28 **Scott Pryor**
Vandelia Zeller



Please remember our church's sick and shut-ins by taking a few minutes to drop them a note or a card; they would love to hear from you.

Marge Cox
Village of Laurel Run
6375 Chambersburg Road
Fayetteville, PA 17222

Ruby Crilley
Genesis Healthcare Gettysburg Center
867 York Road, North Wing, Room 227
Gettysburg, PA 17325.

Edna Flohr
P.O. Box 220
15571 Orchard Avenue
Blue Ridge Summit, PA 17214

Harriet Gonder
Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Center
1075 Old Harrisburg Road, Room 236
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Bill McCleaf
13365 Flohr Lane, PO Box 74
Blue Ridge Summit, PA 17214

Edith vonJess
254 Farmington Road
Chambersburg, PA 17201

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 **Ray & Laura Chevalier**
- 23 **David & Cindy McJonathan**
- 26 **Anna Mae and Norman (Junie) Ray**
- 30 **Linda & J. Irvin Jones**



PRAYER CONCERNS:

Ruby, Edna, Cindy, Jane, Justin, Liz, Fern, David, Harriett, Maggie, Frank, Marge, Joe, Rod, Lorie, Rob, Jordan, Jennifer, Norma, Jean, Lorenzo, Edie, Bob, Barb, Tom, Doris, Bill, Patrick

REMINDER- Names are kept on the prayer list for a period of 2 months. Please call the office with the names of those you'd like included. ****To add someone to the prayer list, contact the office (717-794-2229)**

Special prayers for our friends and family in the Armed Forces:

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| Thomas Sheep | Ryan Bloom | Bob Buckey |
| Nick Psaki, IV | L. Dean Fitz | Robert J. Smith |
| Jordan Dominoro | Michael Resseguie | Jason Allen |
| Bryan Rowland | Kristin Johnson | John Kane |
| James LaRoche | Thomas Watson | Mike Cooksie |
| Robert Gharrity,IV | Tim Schlaner | Loren Wilson |
| John Ausmus | Kirk Calvert | Owen Resseguie |
| John Paul Rodriguez | | William Johnson |
| Bruce Allen | Rob Schmidt | Ricky Fisher |
| Robert J. Smith | | |

TO: All who hosted a coffee hour during the month of October! **Coffee hour** is an important part of our fellowship and worship experience. Please consider hosting on an upcoming Sunday and designating which date you choose on the sign up sheet at the rear of the church or chapel.

AND TO THOSE WHO MADE THE CELEBRATIONS OF October 3 (Calvary) and October 10 (Transfiguration) such bountiful feasts!

Thank you to all who made the Halloween party at Calvary a success again this year. We provided a safe, healthy, fun-filled evening for all the children and a bunch of adults! Thanks especially to Linda Jones for organizing and preparing treats, Trudy Rowland for decorating and leading games and Myrna Sheasley for honchoing the and kitchen patrol! **ATTAGIRLS!**



Thank you to Dick Sheasley for gathering estimates, working as the "General Contractor" to get the recent repairs and improvements to Calvary's physical plant accomplished! We so appreciate you sharing your time and talents for the benefit of us all ☺

WANTED:

The leadership team from "The Churches on the Mountain" is on a mission. We are searching high and low for energetic, motivated, creative, and team players to join the Vestry team. During our annual meeting in January 2011, we will be voting on three (3) 3-year term vacancies and one (1) 2-year term. If you are being called for this ministry and are up for the challenge, please let a vestry member know of your interest.

As we begin our joint ministry with Fr. McDowell, now is not the time to sit back and relax. Yogi Berra once said, "If you don't know where you are going, you will wind up somewhere else." So, as a parish, it's time for us to decide where we want to go as a church and how we go about getting there. As you can see, we as a parish have some work cut out for us.

If we keep doing what we are doing, we will keep getting what we get! If we fall into this trap, as Yogi says, "This is like déjà vu all over again."

Weekly Events

Mondays:

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** – 7 p.m. in the Common Room at Transfiguration.

Tuesdays:

- **Knitting Group** – November 9 & 23 – 1 to 3 PM at the home of Jean Lengel, 11924 N. Woodlea Drive.

Wednesdays:

- **Weight Watchers at Calvary House** – 8:30 am weigh-in, 9 am meeting. Join us if you want to learn to eat healthier and shed some pounds. Parking is getting to be an issue, so get here early and/or park in front of the cemetery.
- **Bible Study** – 7 p.m. at the home of Dick & Myrna Sheasley, 14417 Charmain Road, Blue Ridge Summit (717-794-2674)

Fridays:

- **Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m.** at Transfiguration.

The **Knitting Group** will meet from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the home of Jean Lengel. Jean and Larry live at 11924 N. Woodlea Drive in Waynesboro on **November 9 & 23**. If you don't knit, you're encouraged to bring any hand work with you. If you're not one who enjoys needlework, just come and enjoy the fellowship. Jean can be reached at 762-5704.

Annual Gathering of the ECW

November 13, 2010

Christ Episcopal Church, Williamsport "Reshaping Traditions"

The Episcopal Church Women's Board is pleased to announce an Annual Meeting presenting changes that will "Reshape the Traditions of the ECW" throughout the Central Pennsylvania Diocese. A meeting that will explain how the Board is reshaping the traditional ECW to continually find ways to bring Jesus Christ, outreach, worship, celebration and fellowship to women will take place November 13, 2010 at Christ Episcopal Church, 426 Mulberry Street,

Registration for the Diocesan Annual ECW Gathering is available through Mrs. Emily Gleckner. Registration form and information flyer are available on the Diocesan website. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact ECW President Amy Swiernik at 717-285-2036 or amyecwcpa@comcast.net

11/14 – Operation Christmas Child Boxes

NOVEMBER 14 - Operation Christmas Child boxes due! Pat Domenick has information flyers as to what is needed. This year we're going to use clear plastic shoe boxes – Wal Mart or Dollar Tree has them – and fill them. The recipients can then use the plastic containers to carry water, etc. Pat had some Christmas paper printed at Franklin County Vo-Tech that is cut to size that we can tape inside the clear boxes in lieu of wrapping them. Talk to Pat about the "due date" for contributions and/or for information on how you can participate/help. As always, if you don't have time to shop--a check works! ☺ Any checks should be made payable to Samaritan's Purse.

SAVE THE DATE for HAPPENING #4 November 12-14, 2010

Happening #4 is a wonderful opportunity for Sr. High Youth. It is a renewal retreat weekend held at the Christian Retreat Center, November 12-14, sponsored by the Youth Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Central PA, and offered to senior high teens.

This event is a program designed by teens for teens and this year Janelle DelSignore is the Happening #4 "rector", who is presently calling together adult and teen staff to prepare for the event.

Questions? We are always delighted to respond, please contact Janelle at 814-574-9197 jed@scasd.org or Robyn Szoke at 717-236-5959 or rszoke@diocesecpa.org.

Check out all the information, including registration forms on the children and youth page on our Diocesan Web Site www.diocesecpa.org.

Saturday, 12/4/10 – the Calvary Bazaar. Start planning now for what you can contribute and talk with Linda Jones if you have any ideas for what we can do to assure maximum success with the bazaar this year!

Saturday, 12/18/10 - Blue Ridge Summit Library/Church of the Transfiguration Open House and caroling on the "mall". Always a great time to enjoy the spirit of the season!

Year to Date Financial Status as of Sep. 30, 2010

	Transfiguration:	Calvary Chapel
Income:	\$31,916.15	\$ 10,735.71
Expenses:	\$42,164.94	\$ 16,163.97
Difference	(10,248.79)	(5,428.26)
Endowment/ : CD withdrawal	\$13,000.00	\$ 6,085.21
Net Balance	\$ 2,751.21	\$ 656.95

The Vestry on October 20:

1. Elected Larry Lengel to fill the term of Bill Yingling.
2. Noted that the Bishop's next visit (for Confirmation) is scheduled for November, 2011 – we will begin Inquirer's Classes early in 2011.
3. Reviewed plans for Vestry elections and the Annual Parish Meeting which will be after the 10:30 AM service on January 23, 2011.
4. Approved moving the Weight Watchers meetings to Transfiguration from Calvary, should numbers necessitate it.
5. Tabled further Columbarium plans until the February, 2011 Vestry Retreat (which will include both retiring and incoming Vestry members).
6. Reviewed the Holiday schedule of services for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and agreed that service times should be set that are consistent with past years' schedules. They will be publicized in *The Clarion*.
7. Accepted reports about:
 - a. A new Carillon which is being installed at Transfiguration this week,
 - b. Operation Christmas Child (11/15 is the deadline for filled "shoe boxes",
 - c. Contributions are invited for Thanksgiving Dinners for 10-12 families; and
 - d. An Open House is planned for 12/18 at Transfiguration, in collaboration with the Library.

We need your up to date information!

Family Name: _____

First Name(s) & Birthdate _____

Address: _____

Phone: home: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Anniversary: _____

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THE HELP HOTLINE's current needs:

Crackers (in sleeves) Jello and pudding mixes
 Raman noodles kids cereals
 Pancake Mix parmelat (milk that can be stored on shelf)
 Dish Detergent meats
 Laundry Detergent Canned or Bottled Juices
 Syrup Pet foods (cat and dog)
 Cleaning supplies (comet, toilet bowl cleaner, etc)
 Food Storage items (bags, wrap, aluminum foil)