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Worship
Sunday
 8:00 am Rite I
 10:30 am
 Choral Service Rite II
 and Sunday School
 5:30 pm
 Prayer & Praise
 7:00 pm
 Taizé Service
 on 3rd Sundays
Thursday
 11:30 am Bilingual
 Holy Eucharist

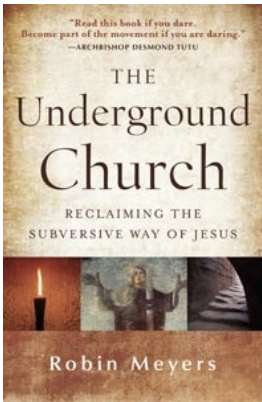
Sunday Services
Adult Forum Schedule
 Liturgy, lessons and
 opportunities for discussion
 listed on page 4.


Sixth Annual Ski Trip
 February 22-24
 For families, couples
 and singles! Please join
 us for a weekend of
 snow sports at
 Homewood Resort,
 Lake Tahoe.
 Contact the office to
 sign-up!

**Let's Have "Dinner
 Church"**
 The Emergent Church
 Workshop, February 15
 & 16 will include a
 worship service
 combined with our
 evening meal. Please
 see the notice below
 and take a flyer at the
 Sunday services or
 from the Calvary office

**Our Generous
 Parishioners**
 Jane Prough, Mike Birch
 and John Vesecky have
 donated furniture, a
 freezer and a new floor
 in the Parish Hall.
 We sing their praises in
 "News from the Pews",
 page 4

The Subversive Way of Jesus



A two day workshop featuring
[Dr. Robin Meyers](#), author of
["The Underground Church"](#)

Friday evening, February 8
 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Calvary
 Saturday, February 9
 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

First Congregational Church
 900 High St., Santa Cruz

Registration at the door \$75 for both Friday and Saturday
 \$25 for Friday or Saturday a.m. or Saturday p.m. only

During this weekend workshop, Christians from all walks of life
 will focus on the BIG PICTURE: What the church can be and
 what it should be! Robin Meyers constructs a vision of an
 UNDERGROUND CHURCH - a church far more like the first
 three centuries than the last seventeen. This new underground
 church is SUBVERSIVE RATHER THAN SAFE, Jesus-centered
 rather than tradition-centered, and calls for deep involvement
 by followers rather than marginal participation by members.

Presented by the Progressive Christian Forum of Santa Cruz

THIS MONTH AT CALVARY

Jesus Seminar - "The Subversive Way of Jesus"
 Friday evening, February 8, at Calvary
 Saturday, February 9, at First Congregational Church
 Please see article to the left.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
 Tuesday, February 12, 5 to 7p.m.
 Traditional pre-Lenten pancake dinner for a nominal
 donation. At the Calvary Parish Hall.

Emergent Church Workshop
 February 15 and 16
 Join our vestry and parish and other congregations in the community
 for a Friday and Saturday workshop on congregational development,
 exploring new and ancient ways to renew foundational practices in our
 life together. The Reverend Donald Schell, president of All Saints
Company and founding rector of Saint Gregory's of Nyssa in San
 Francisco will be at Calvary Episcopal Church on February 15-16 for a
 weekend practicum on what makes congregations thrive.
 Please pick up a flyer at church on Sunday:
 Dinner Church on Friday.
 Workshops on liturgy, music and church design on Saturday.



Dinner Church celebrated at St. Lydia's in Brooklyn, NYC



Calvary Book Club

In February the Calvary Book Club will discuss [Bad Religion: How We Became a Nation of Heretics](#), by [Ross Douthat](#) an argument that traditional faith has been overtaken by pseudo-Christianities put forth by a well-known op-ed columnist for the New York Times. The group is tentatively scheduled to meet on Tuesday, February 26, place still to be determined by the group.

For more information or to get on the club's email list, contact Martha Dexter, 600-8834 or mmdexter@gmail.com, or Sonja Reetz, 427-0956 or alsonja@earthlink.net. Everyone is welcome!

THIS MONTH AT CALVARY

Taizé Service
 Sunday, February 17, 7:00 p.m.
Contemplative singing and prayers based on the practice at the Taizé community in France.



Living the Questions, Part 2
 Beginning the week of February 18
 Registration at coffee hour or call the church office.
 More details on page 8.

Altar Flower Dedications



Please consider making an Altar Flower dedication! Flowers cost \$45. Feel free to share the cost with a friend and include two dedications. Make your check payable to "Calvary Altar Guild," and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Please put the words "altar flowers" and the date of your dedication on the memo line of your check.

Contact Sarah Peterson at skpetel23@gmail.com or Nicole in the church office.



ECW Meeting
 Friday, February 22
 Reshma Hyder of the Interfaith Speakers Bureau will be presenting "Muslim Women in the US and Around the World"

Business Meeting at 10 a.m., Program 10:45 a.m. Lunch to follow. Bring a sandwich or salad. Dessert will be provided.

"Is anyone among you sick?"

James 5:14

The answer would probably be "yes"!

Crossroad Reader, you are urged to get vaccinated for the flu if you haven't done so already.

The flu stopped the Calvary printing presses (aka Grace and George Marcellino's laptops), hence the late publishing date for this Crossroads.



There are many in our community who have had the flu and other contagious illnesses during this hard hit influenza/cold season.

Don't succumb! Contact the Santa Cruz County Health Services at 454-4100 or check their website / <http://www.santacruzhealth.org> for their vaccination clinic schedule, \$25 for any county citizen.

Gratitude to Sandy Godman for the referral to the Santa Cruz County Health Services.



6th Annual Tahoe Snow Trip
 Weekend of February 22-24
 Homewood, Lake Tahoe
 For youth, families and singles.

Families, youth and singles are invited to Zells' Lodge at Homewood, on Lake Tahoe, for a weekend of snow play, snowboarding and skiing and transportation. The cost is \$100, Youth (accompanied by a guardian) \$50. Children under 10 are free. Lift tickets at Homewood are additional but reasonable: Adult \$58, Youth (13-18) \$49, Children (5-12) \$20, Under 5 free.

Please pick up a flyer at church on Sunday or contact the office (831)423-8787 or email office@calvarysantacruz.org to sign up!

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK



Dear Friends of Calvary,

Recently a Calvary parishioner told me of a church that he and his wife had visited while on holiday. They were surprised that there were no announcements during the Sunday morning service. During coffee

hour they asked why this was so, and were told: **“There are no announcements because there is nothing to announce -- no activities; no events; no ministries. We just do Sunday mornings.”** Puzzled and in disbelief, they left an otherwise pleasant parochial visit while on holiday.

Being busy isn't necessarily a good thing. A church filled with frenetic activity is not a healthy church. **But, we should acknowledge with pride that Calvary Church is not a church with nothing to announce.**

Ironically, the following week another parishioner commented, after reading our newly formatted Crossroads (thanks to the journalistic skills of Grace Davis Marcellino): “We do everything at Calvary. We are a complete church.”

1. We have an engaging adult education program: This year 40 parishioners participated in the seven week Christian education curriculum, “Living the Questions”. Additionally we have our weekly Rector's Forum where we explore congregational growth and what makes a healthy, progressive, inclusive Christian community.
2. We also have robust outreach into the community that has provided shelter for hundreds this year. We fed 8,000 individuals a hot meal on Monday nights and distributed over 50,000 pounds of groceries to those in need.
3. We have youth activities with a regular Sunday School of 5-8 children, a ski trip with over 20 young people and their families last winter; and

a Christmas pageant with choreography and music preformed by our own Calvary Youth Ministry.

4. We have been in the news: On the front page of the [Sentinel](#) this past month, as well as being featured in the [Good Times](#) for our outreach ministries.
5. We have traditional and innovative worship services and baptized 6 new members into our church and confirmed 8 new communicants in 2012.
6. Our pledge drive grew with 12 new pledges, and we met our goal of \$153,000 for the 2013 budget. The annual Crab Feed raised \$6300 for outreach ministries and it looks like we have donations to nearly cover the cost for the new floor in the Parish Hall.
7. We have established strong ties to our city government and were mentioned in the inaugural speech by Mayor Don Lane. The candidates forum held in our church prior to the November election was the largest of nine forums in Santa Cruz.

During the first part of my sabbatical, several Calvary parishioners joined me in visiting churches in the San Francisco Bay Area to consider how to make our life and worship together more engaging. My sabbatical has been more than just a time for personal inspiration. Calvary parishioners also came back with new ideas for this year's Christmas pageant and Emerging Sunday worship services.

Enthusiastically I look forward to the Jesus Seminar we will be hosting in part at Calvary Church, on February 8 and 9; the new “Living the Questions” curriculum that will be offered over Lent; and the Congregational Development workshop that will be held at Calvary on February 15-16.

This is all happening because of a hard working vestry, creative ministries and competent and skilled parishioners. There is plenty to announce at Calvary Church. I am deeply grateful for you and the wonderful work you have done and are doing.

Father Joel+

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

The **Third Annual Crab Feed** fundraiser was a great success as over \$6300 was raised for outreach ministries at Calvary Church. **Paul Lee** was our jocular auctioneer and [Stagnaro's](#) supplied the Dungeness crab.

Mike Birch generously donated a **new freezer** in December that has been in heavy use by the Calvary Food Bank, the Monday Night Coffeehouse and the Interfaith Satellite Shelter Program.

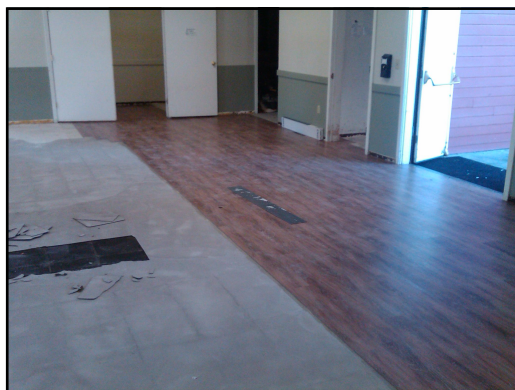


Jane Prough donated a wonderful set of **office chairs, maple wood desks and file cabinets** to Calvary.

Church staff

is regaling in the beauty and comfort of these lovely new additions to the parish office.

Thanks to donations from **John Vesecky** and **The Tango Group** and free labor from **Lou Versman** of



[Warehouse Direct Interiors](#), we will soon be walking on a beautiful new floor in the parish hall.

Last but not at all least - The ECW would like to thank all those who donated towels for parish use.

ADULT FORUM AND SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Adult Forum in the Fireside Room
Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

Father Joel will continue to lead Adult Forum during January, reflecting on his sabbatical experiences. Father Joel visited four churches in the San Francisco Bay Area in consultation with All Saints Company in San Francisco. All Saints Company, a resource for liturgical and church development for Episcopal and Lutheran congregations around the country, will host an ecumenical congregational development conference on February 15-16 (see front page, "This Month at Calvary - Emergent Church Workshop").

Holy Eucharist 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Last Sunday after Epiphany - February 10th. Father Joel will be preaching and celebrating. The Gospel for the Last Sunday of Epiphany is always taken from the account of the Mount of Transfiguration. It is a time for us to better understand the spirituality of transformation and transfiguration in our lives.

Ash Wednesday Services - Wednesday, February 12th 6:00 a.m. Imposition of ashes (only); **12 noon** Imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist; **7:00 p.m.** Imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist.

The First Sunday of Lent, February 17th, Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. **Father Rob** preaching, **Father Joel** celebrating at both services.

The Second Sunday of Lent, February 24th Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. **Father Joel** preaching **Father Rob** con-celebrating with **Father Joel**.

Senior Warden Report from Outgoing Senior Warden Cathy Watson

As I've been thinking about writing my final Senior Warden report, I've been asking myself what I value most about the past three years. I've certainly enjoyed working with Fr. Joel. He is endlessly optimistic, easy to talk to, and his enthusiasm for what the church can accomplish is inspiring. I also very much appreciate my fellow officers: Junior Warden Al Reetz who has been a great support, a tireless worker and can always be counted on, Clerk Scott Galloway upon whom I can rely to get the details of our meetings correctly communicated in the minutes, and upon whom I also rely to correct me on parliamentary details, and Treasurer Patrick Dexter who gives us a straightforward and realistic analysis of our financial situation at any point in time. Beyond these obvious roles, all four, along with former Treasurer David Folsom-Jones, have served me as veritable fountains of wisdom and our bi-monthly Executive Committee meetings have been high points always friendly, sometimes contentious, and never lacking in laughter.

I will miss working with all my fellow officers as the team we've been the past three years, but I know that I will work with and enjoy the company of each of them in other capacities in the upcoming years. Indeed, as I think about what I've valued most about my tenure as Senior Warden, the single thing that keeps coming to mind is a word that has often been used in my reports: *community*.

I have a different view of what constitutes a church community now than I did three years ago. At that time, I had just spent a couple of years keeping a low profile around the church. I felt disconnected. Many, indeed most, of the people I thought of as "my" community had drifted away during our long interim period between settled priests. I didn't know if I really had a place at Calvary anymore. Well, one job that will certainly give a person a place in the community is Senior Warden! I quickly got to know and appreciate people like Chris Perrin, Sally Green, Melinda Martin, and Richard Enriquez (and there are many others) who, while I had been on a semi-hiatus, had become involved and committed members.

But rather than seeing these new friends as "my" new community, I began to recognize a different sort of community, one that is more fluid and based not on the makeup of its current membership but based on a commonality of purpose, to seek and serve Christ. I'm

struck by these words in the description of the upcoming workshop sponsored by the Progressive Christian Forum of Santa Cruz (of which Calvary is a member) church that is "Jesus-centered rather than tradition-centered, and calls for deep involvement by followers rather than marginal participation by members."

I believe that we have that "deep involvement by followers" here at Calvary and I believe that our community will continue to flourish. I've been gratified by the strength of our committees and the enthusiastic support of house meetings and Living the Questions seminars over the past three years, and know that we will continue to be an active and strongly involved parish. And, rather than seeing myself as inhabiting a small corner of this community that I call "mine", I now see myself as one little drop in a flowing river. That flowing water includes friends I've treasured for many years and those I've just begun to get to know, as well as those who have drifted away and that I miss deeply. Individuals will come and go, rectors will serve longer or shorter terms, but the Calvary community as a living stream will continue. I feel so blessed to know that I am irrevocably a part of it!

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Watson



Longtime parishioner **Liz Wesolowski** was selected by Fr. Joel Miller, to serve as the Calvary Vestry's Senior Warden. Liz succeeds Cathy Watson who will continue as a Vestry member. We salute Liz, who has been a Vestry member in the past, for her commitment to our community and are grateful for her leadership.

Fundraising Committee Report Richard Enriquez

The final numbers for 2012 have come in and I couldn't be happier. I want to begin this month's Crossroads by thanking everyone who has participated in the Calvary Scrip program. Because of your participation, Calvary Episcopal Church saw over \$2400 added to the general fund. This amount is greater than the \$1900 raised in 2011. It appears that the word is getting out how easy it is to use Scrip for your everyday purchases.

I thought for this issue we could do a "Best of 2012" roundup. Keep in mind that our Scrip program has over 500 participating merchants available and we stock over 40 of these for your convenience. Here are your top picks in 7 categories for 2012:

Grocery Stores Safeway and Staff of Life;

Gas Station Chevron

Online Merchant Amazon



Department Stores Target and Ross Dress for Less

Specialty Stores Home Depot and CVS

Entertainment Regal Cinemas

Easy Dining Chipotle and Papa Murphy's Pizza.



I am always interested in hearing what stores you would like our Scrip Program to carry for you. I encourage everyone to contact me after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday or pick up a complete list of participating merchants from Nicole in the office. Remember, shopping with Scrip is EASY and there is no cost to you to participate. I look forward to serving you in 2013.

Stats from the Pews

Average Sunday Attendance and Revenues Comparison for December 2011 and 2012. Includes Saturday evening and Sunday services of Holy Eucharist and the Offices of Prayer

Average Sunday Attendance, December 2012 – 149

Average Sunday Attendance, December 2011 – 144

Revenues, December 2012 – \$ 42,814.00

Revenues December 2011 – \$ 36,997.00

Budgeted Revenues, December 2012 – \$ 24,733.00

Budgeted Revenues, December 2011 – \$ 33,493.00

Expenses, December 2012 – \$ 26,195.00

Expenses, December 2011 – \$ 30,221.00

Budgeted Expenses, December 2012 – \$ 24,775.00

Budgeted Expenses, December 2011 – \$ 27,381.00

Year-to-Date Revenues 2012 – \$ 299,650.00

Year-to-Date Revenues 2011 – \$ 276,972.00.

Year-to-Date Expenses 2012 – \$ 300,214.00

Year-to-Date Expenses 2011 – \$ 292,364.00

Actual Year-to-Date Income/Expense Balance 2012 – \$ (-555.23)

Actual Year-to-Date Income/Expense Balance 2011 – \$ (15,393.00)

**Attendance and revenue numbers are given for the month preceding the previous month because relevant balance sheets are not available until after the Crossroads is published.*

Adult Education Update *Living the Questions, Part 2***Martha Dexter**

During Lent the Adult Education Committee will offer **Living the Questions Part 2** beginning the first week of Lent, the week of February 18. The second series is entitled **Reclaiming the World** and includes the following sessions:

1. Restoring Relationships
2. The Prophetic Jesus
3. Evil, Suffering and a God of Love
4. The Myth of Redemptive Violence
5. Practicing Resurrection
6. Debunking the Rapture

7. Reclaiming the World

The series will be offered over a 7-week period that will end the week after Easter. Everyone is invited to participate even if you didn't participate in the first series which was offered last fall.

Registration has already begun and will continue through Sunday, February 10. You can sign-up at coffee hour at church or call the church office. We will again offer the course in a variety of locations and at different times each week. For more information contact Al Reetz, 427-0956 or alsonja@earthlink.net or Martha Dexter, 600-8834 or mmdexter@gmail.com.

**MINUTES OF
THE 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
January 27, 2013**

The Calvary Episcopal Church Annual General Meeting was called to order at 11:50 a.m. on January 27, 2013 with an opening prayer by Fr. Joel Miller.

Opening Prayer

Our rector Fr. Joel Miller, led the Vestry and others in attendance in prayer, reading "A Prayer for a Church Conference or Meeting" from The Book of Common Prayer.

The Calvary Cross of Service

Fr. Joel stated that each year the rector awards the Calvary Cross of Service to members of the parish who have demonstrated passion in the execution of parish ministries. This year he selected Chris Perrin and Richard Enriquez to receive the award for their service to Calvary. Fr. Joel presented crosses to Chris and Richard.

Fr. Joel also expressed appreciation for and distributed envelopes containing thank you notes and gift certificates to the members of the Vestry Executive

Committee, Senior Warden Cathy Watson, Junior Warden Al Reetz, Parish Treasurer Patrick Dexter, and Clerk Scott Galloway and announced that he would also be presenting envelopes to parish staff members, Nicole MacArgel and Ian MacKay.

1. Rector's Report

Fr. Joel referred to his written report, which was published on page 3 of the 2012 Annual Report, noting that he would be pleased to answer any questions regarding the report and to take comments. Fr. Joel read the newly developed Mission Statement that is included at the top of the annual Meeting agenda.

2. Approval of Agenda**MOTION:**

Al Reetz moved and John Vesecky seconded a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. The membership voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

3. Nominations for Vestry Class of 2015

Cathy Watson explained the process for nominating vestry members and diocesan delegates and the process for voting. Cathy presented the list of nominees developed by the Vestry Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee consisted of those Vestry members whose terms are expiring. The nominees are: Susan Algert, David Folsom-Jones, Grace Davis-

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Marcellino, Irene Rible, Ian Smith, and Liz Wesolowski.

Cathy asked for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations and she closed the nominations. Cathy advised the parish members present that write-in votes, if any, would be counted as well.

4. Nominations for Diocesan Delegates and Alternates

Cathy Watson presented the following candidates to serve as diocesan delegates: Martha Dexter, Jeff Diehl, Ian MacKay, and Al Reetz as Delegates; and Bill Walker and Anthony Thomas as alternate delegates.

Cathy asked for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations and she closed the nominations. Cathy advised the parish members present that write-in votes, if any, would be counted as well.

5. Balloting

Cathy Watson discussed voting eligibility: It is assumed that all nominees for vestry and diocesan delegate positions are currently members in good standing. Should this be determined not to be the case for any person on the ballot, then that person shall be considered to have not won election and shall not serve. All members in good standing are invited to vote.

Cathy Watson asked that the ballots be distributed. There are six vestry vacancies. There are six candidates for vestry with six names on the ballot. Four candidates will be elected to three-year terms and two candidates to two years terms. Those voting were instructed to vote for no more than six names for vestry.

We need to elect four diocesan delegates and two alternate diocesan delegates. There are four names on the diocesan delegate ballot and two names on the alternative delegate ballot. Those voting were instructed to vote for no more than four names for delegate and two names for the two alternate delegate positions.

The ballots were distributed, collected and counted.

The results of the election were as follows:

Susan Algert, Irene Rible, Ian Smith, Liz Wesolowski were elected to three-year Vestry terms. David Folsom-Jones and Grace Davis-Marcellino were elected to two years terms.

Martha Dexter, Jeff Diehl, Ian McKay, and Al Reetz were elected as delegates, and Bill Walker and Anthony Thomas were elected as Alternate Delegates.

6. A Working Lunch

A brief recess followed while a buffet lunch was served.

7. Minutes of the January 27, 2013, Annual Meeting

MOTION:

Jeff Diehl moved and Melinda Martin seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 29, 2013 Annual Meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor of adopting the Minutes.

8. Senior Warden's Report

Senior Warden Cathy Watson addressed some of the issues she covered in her written report which was published in the 2012 Annual Report.

9. Junior Warden's Report

Junior Warden Al Reetz addressed some of the issues that he covered in his written report, noting in particular that religion in America is undergoing an emergence. Although church attendance in general is down, bookstore sales in the "religion" category surpass sales in any other category. We should expect and plan for growth, but growth in areas that will cause us to

MINUTES of 2012 ANNUAL MEETING January 27, 2013 (continued)

reexamine our values and approaches to the practice of our religion.

2012 Statistics:

The Rector's Report summarized the Annual General Meeting Statistics, showing an average Sunday attendance of one-hundred (100). In 2012, there were six (6) Holy Baptisms, two (2) confirmations, two (2) receptions, two (2) transfers, two (2) marriages, and two (2) burials.

There were sixty-three (63) pledging units in 2007, seventy-seven (77) in 2008, seventy-six (76) in 2009, seventy-six (76) in 2010, eighty (80) in 2011, sixty-seven (67) in 2012, and sixty-nine (69) in 2013.

150th Capital Campaign Committee

Jeff Diehl announced the formation of a 150th Capital Campaign Committee. Over the next two years the committee will be engaged in a capital campaign designed to recognize the gifts and contributions of past and current members and through a discernment process develop a capital fund campaign. The discernment and planning phase has already begun and will run through mid 2014. The formal 150th Capital Campaign kick-off will be held on June 14, 2014. The campaign will run through Easter 2015.

Chris Perrin announced an "Elegant Elders" lunch to be held at the ECW meeting March 22, 2013 to honor the older members of the parish. She encouraged parish-wide participation.

10. Other Reports**Committee on Growth Report for 2012**

The Committee on Growth (COG) annual report was included in the Calvary Episcopal Church Annual Report. Committee Chair John Vesecky, noted that the committee's efforts were based on the house meetings and forums held over the past year and a half. The

committee is now developing a vision statement to focus on how our with our new mission statement as our guide we will transform the parish over the next ten years.

11. Treasurers 2012 Annual Report

Parish Treasurer Patrick Dexter reported that 2012 for Calvary was a deficit year, but the operating deficit was only \$565.23 in 2012. This was a significant improvement over the 2011 deficit of \$15,400. Total income for 2012 was \$299,700 surpassing 2011 income of \$277,000.

2012 pledges were \$3,625 over budget, plate income was \$5,200 over budget and outreach income was \$1,900 over budget. Income in these three categories helped make up \$8,130 shortfall in use of church income, and lesser shortfalls in event income, and parking lot lease income.

Outstanding fundraising for outreach along with hard work and good stewardship allowed Calvary to nearly balance our income /expenses in 2012.

1. Operating Budget for 2013

Patrick Dexter presented the proposed 2013 operating budget. To date we have received sixty-nine (69) pledges totaling \$152,410.

The 2013 budget is balanced, forecasting \$311,700 in both income and expenses. Expense increases are chiefly the result of new diocesan requirements that pension contributions be paid for employees who work more than twenty hours per week, an increase in vacation supply costs during the rector's anticipated sabbatical, an increase in administrative expense to reflect the levels experienced in 2012, and increased outreach program costs.

Patrick Dexter said that the increase in the budget was made possible by a significant increase in pledges for 2013. The Stewardship Committee did an excellent job

MINUTES of 2012 ANNUAL MEETING January 27, 2013 (continued)

of reaching out to parishioners and administering the fall pledge campaign, with a total of \$152,400 pledged in 2013 compared to \$139,876 in 2012. Patrick thanked members of the Stewardship Committee for their efforts.

John Vesecky asked if there was any intent of providing for a reserve so that the parish could retire funding for needed programs and to protect the parish in deficit years.

Patrick stated that we have ended the past three years with deficits, so building reserves in those years were not possible.

Former treasurer Scott Galloway commented that in earlier years the vestry conservatively budgeted use of church income and transferred excess income from rental of church buildings to the building fund. At one point, the parish had over \$60,000 in that fund. Only about \$8,000 of that amount remains in the building fund today. Reductions in the fund were necessary to fund capital projects and to cover the operating budget deficit during deficit years. Scott urged parish members to support the 150th Anniversary Capital Campaign.

Fr. Joel commented that due to a recent change in Santa Cruz city policy related to use of our buildings we have experienced an increase in rental of church buildings in the past few months.

2. Comments and Questions.

There were no comments or questions.

3. Closing Prayer

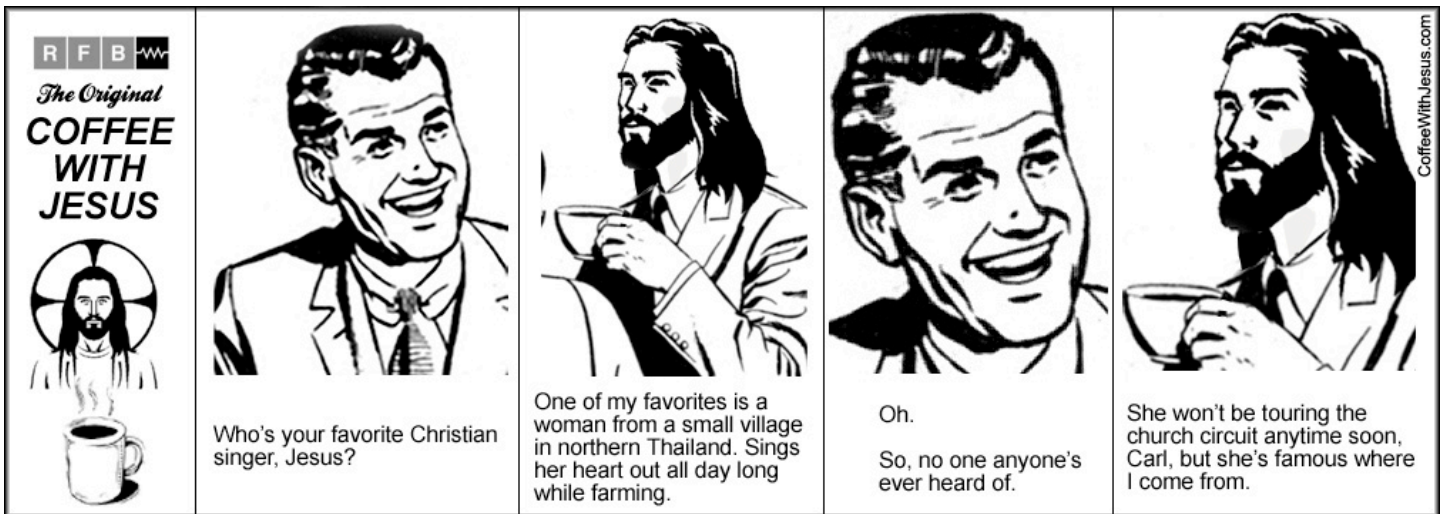
Fr. Joel led the parish in a closing prayer from The Book of Common Prayer.

4. Adjournment

MOTION:

David-Folsom-Jones moved and Liz Wesolowski seconded a motion to adjourn the annual meeting. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of those present.

Respectively submitted,
Scott Galloway, Clerk



Diocesan Corner

Building Networks of Prayer in El Camino Real

Has anyone ever asked what prayer your congregation needs? What would your answer be? What is your congregation's deepest need? What is your greatest hope? What is your most joyous celebration? Please give these questions some thought because, in the next few weeks, a member of our diocesan leadership team may be calling to ask how he or she can best support your mission with prayer.

On Saturday, January 19, Bishop Mary, the members of the Board of Trustees and the Standing Committee, the officers of Convention and our diocesan staff gathered at St. Stephen's in-the-Field, San Jose for our annual retreat. The purpose of the retreat is to learn from each other and to grow in community as we focus on the needs of our diocese. In addition to enjoying our fellowship together and the gracious hospitality provided by The Reverend Ken Wratten and St. Stephen's Vestry, we worshiped, immersed ourselves in scripture with *lectio divina*, discussed some current business and focused our attention on the ways the people of El Camino Real are living and spreading the Good News.

Toward the end of the day, as we were discussing the needs and resources of diocesan congregations, Bishop Mary told us that she begins every day by praying for each of the 47 congregations in our diocese and that Canons Brian Nordwick and Jesus Reyes have joined her in this practice. In order to expand this network of prayer support, the bishop asked each of us to pray for neighboring congregations. The list of congregations in the diocese was divided up, and each retreat participant was given the names of several congregations for our prayer support. To help ground our prayer, Canon Jesus gave each of us information packets about congregational trends and area demographics for the specific churches for which we will be praying. Bishop Mary suggested that we call the congregations for whom we pray and ask what prayer would be most helpful and appreciated. So, when the phone rings and someone asks to talk about your congregation's prayer needs, we hope you'll hear the voice of a neighbor seeking to strengthen the bonds of our community in Christ.

Linda Taylor+
Board of Trustees



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The Reverend Joel P. Miller, Rector

The Reverend Rob Keim, Assisting Priest

The Reverend David J. Jones, Rector Emeritus

The Right Reverend Mary Gray-Reeves,
Bishop of the Diocese of El Camino Real

Murray C. Walker, Director of Music

Kylan de Ghetaldi, Organist

Choral Scholars: Cora Frantz, Nicolas Gerst, Elliot Nguyen, Rachael Rush

Musicians: John Martin, Madeline Precht

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Calvary Youth Ministry Calendar - February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Teacher: VICTORIA	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Teacher: CHRISTINA Assistant: TOBIAS	11	12 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner Parish Hall 5-7 pm	13 LENT	14 St. Valentine's Day	15	16
17 VALENTINE COOKIE DECORATING Teacher: SONJA Assistant:	18	19	20	21	22 ANNUAL SKI TRIP Contact the office for sign-up!	23 ANNUAL SKI TRIP
24 Teacher: SONJA Assistant: JILLIAN ----- Return from Ski Trip	25	26	27	28		

**Calvary Church Sunday Server Schedule
February 2013**

DATE	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24
LITURGICAL CALENDAR	Epiphany IV	Last Sunday of Epiphany	Lent	Lent II
USHERS 8:00		Scott Galloway		Hoppy Barrowclough
USHERS 10:30	Bill Walker Richard Enriquez	Jane Prough Mark Duncan	Al Reetz Richard Enriquez	Patrick Dexter Bill Walker
GREETER/ OBLATION BEARERS	Orville and Victoria Canter	Elizabeth Chandler Sally Green	Charlie and Betsy Phillips	Mark and Erin Duncan
LAY MINISTER 8:00	Dave Meyers	John Brokaw	Blain Brokaw	Gus Guthrie
LAY MINISTERS 10:30	John Stormes Richard Enriquez	Mark Duncan Tony Nickel	John Vesecky Sarah Peterson	Orville Canter Grace Davis Marcellino
LECTOR	Ian Smith	Sally Green	Ola Monaghan	Charmion Burns
EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS	Gus Guthrie	Scott Galloway	Allison Gong	Jane Prough
P.I.E.	George Moores	Vi Gray	Jack and Genie Sperow	George Moores
FLOWERS		Barbara Van Hoven	Jane Prough	Vi Gray
CANDLES			Genie Sperow	
COFFEE HOUR	Grace Davis Marcellino Faustine Stasi Melinda Martin	Sarah Peterson Chris Perrin Ian & TiTi Smith	Sonja & Al Reetz Vi Gray Sasha & Michael Edwards	Joel & Christine Miller Tony & Audrey Nickel Andy & Nancy Gere
ALTAR GUILD	Sandy Goodman Victoria Canter	Erin Duncan Ian MacKay	Chris Perrin Sarah Peterson	Ola Monaghan Terry Nickel Grace Davis Marcellino