



FROM OUR HILL

an edition of

The United Methodist Reporter

Two Sections, Section A | 054715 | Vol. 154 | No. 37 | January 18, 2008

Pastor
Peter van Eys

Associate Pastor
Susan Spieth

Children's Ministry
Jule Nyhuis

Adult Ministry
Libby Baxter

Music Ministry
Deborah Graham

Youth Ministry
Kris Lott

CALVARY
United Methodist Church
3701 Hillsboro Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37215
615.297-7562
www.calvaryumc.com

January 20, 2008

8:15 a.m.
Celebration Service in the Sanctuary

9:15 a.m.
Adult and Children's Sunday School

10:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

10:30 a.m.
CalvaryConnection in the CLC

6:30 p.m. – Service of Prayer
and Communion in the Chapel

Isaiah 42:1-9;
Psalm 29;
Acts 10:34-43;
Matthew 3:13-17

Calvary Cares Line: 385-1600

For an update on the joys and concerns of the church, please call the above Calvary Cares Line number.

2008 Church Budget

\$1,593,000

Monthly receipts needed

for the 2008 Budget:

\$132,750

Receipts to 12/31/2007 \$ 1,345,483
Disbursements to 12/31/2007 1,345,477

Follow the construction progress of the Columbarium on the Calvary website:
www.calvaryumc.com

Click on the drawing of the Columbarium to view the pictures.

INSIDE

8A

Last chance to sign up to hear "Ms Cheap" at Adult Fellowship

January Book Circle meets on January 22

Epiphany Season

It is dark, windy, and stormy out my office window; the sound of thunder rolling a January oddity. I have decided to take a break from my sermon preparation; no, that is not a misprint, and write this column. Since I had to get up and turn on my office light anyway, shifting gears was an



option. Moreover, with the lessons for the upcoming Baptism of the Lord Sunday referencing light and thunder and water and Spirit, I began to realize I was having a multimedia, multi-sensory encounter with God's word.

The Calvary congregation is truly blessed to share in the baptismal covenant regularly. The liturgy includes a thanksgiving over the water that remembers how God swept across the waters at creation, rendered judgment with water in the days of Noah, led the covenant people to freedom through the sea, and nurtured Jesus in the water of a womb. Water is powerful and symbolizes the ever renewing, ever creating, ever saving initiative of God.

Beyond our sacramental life, we have all been more attuned to the need of water because of such a dry year. I am reminded of that daily by a boxwood plant some 10 feet from where I am sitting. It has significant brown patches and may not recover. I assure you I did not touch them, which is an

inside joke many readers will understand.

That same baptismal liturgy also recalls that God brought forth light. The boxwood just outside my office window is currently illuminated by the flood lights in the ground facing the main educational/office building. They have sensors, and though it is early in the afternoon the dark sky has triggered the light.

We also have regular reminders in our worship services of Jesus Christ as the Light of the world—candles in the chancel area each week and the beautiful candle lighting service each December. That latter experience is more dramatic as the sanctuary is made dark. The prophetic witness of scripture speaks of the coming light and our recent celebration of the feast of the nativity proclaims the light has come. Where it seems darkest the love and life offered in Christ Jesus are most deeply felt.

It is clearing up a bit outside, and I suppose I should return to the books. Sunday will be here before I know it, and the gathered covenant community will immerse itself in praise and worship of God. I am keenly aware of the responsibilities and privileges associated with preaching.

My sense at the moment is that my life of faith and the swirl of life about me are seamless and inform each other. People across the centuries have found in the natural order a revelation of God's power, have discerned in communal and private devo-

tion a reflection of God's presence, and have experienced in offering and receiving acts of mercy a portion of God's love.

The fact that being an active member at Calvary, and active in the other arenas of life, too often feels like shifting gears is a spiritual problem. It is one we address through development of good spiritual disciplines and with eyes wide open to see the glory of God all around.

Peter van Eys, Senior Pastor

Enrollment time is here at the Young Children's School!

Our summer session begins May 28, 2008, and our school year session begins August 25, 2008. We offer care for children 10 months of age through Pre-K. You can enroll 2, 3, or 5 days a week. Our day is from 9:00-2:30 and children ages 2-5 can enroll in our extended care program. Morning Extended Care is 7:30-9:00 and After Extended Care is 2:30-5:30

To enroll for either the summer and/or school year session, stop in the YCS office and complete the appropriate application with the non-refundable fee according to the following schedule:

JANUARY 2-15:

Children currently enrolled.

JANUARY 16-20:

Children and grandchildren of members of Calvary UMC and children and grandchildren of Calvary UMC staff and YCS staff. Preference will be given to families who have maintained their membership at Calvary for a minimum of one year.

JANUARY 21-26:

Siblings of children currently enrolled or previously enrolled.

JANUARY 27-31:

All other children (from the waiting list).

Admission priority is based on the above listed enrollment dates and availability of space.

You will be notified of acceptance no later than March 1st. If you have any questions, please stop by the YCS office

January 23 WNL: "A Healing Service"

Did you know that *The United Methodist Book of Worship* includes "Healing Services and Prayers?" In its introduction to the healing services, it states: "Scripture strongly affirms ministries of spiritual healing, which in recent years have received renewed emphasis throughout Christ's holy Church. The root of the word *healing* in New Testament Greek, *sozo*, is the same as that of *salvation* and *wholeness* of body, mind, spirit, and relationships through confession, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Through such healing, God works to bring about reconciliation between God and humanity, among individuals and communities, within each person, and between humanity and the rest of creation."

On January 23, we will have a Service of Healing in the Sanctuary after the Wednesday Nite Live meal. The format of the service will be familiar and traditional, and it will include all of the usual elements of worship, including communion. The service will begin at 6:15 p.m., immediately following the 5:30 meal. The Wednesday Nite Live meal menu will be Orzo, Avocado, Orange Salad, Rolls, and Hay Stacks. The cost of the meal is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children, with a family maximum cost of \$18.00. To make your reservation, call the church at 297-7562 by Monday, January 21 at noon.

CALVARY AT A GLANCE

January Book Circle

The Book Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 22, at 10:00 a.m. in room 309. Kathryn Smith will review "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" by Lisa See. This internationally acclaimed novel about 19th century China sheds light on the cruel, ancient practice of foot binding and reveals the surprising, little-known ways that women developed to cope with their isolated lives. The story of Lily and her life-long friend Snow Flower is compelling and memorable. Please join us. Everyone is welcome.

Save the date: February 10

Calvary's Third Annual Parents' Institute is coming on Sunday, February 10th during Sunday School in the Christian Life Center. The keynote lecture will be "Living Faithfully in a Consumer Culture" by Rev. Jule M. Nyhuis. All parents are encouraged to attend. Look for further details to come.

Employment opportunity at YCS

An Assistant Teacher is needed in YCS three days a week working with our preschool children. The position begins February 1, 2008. Applicants need to exhibit a love of children and an understanding of developmentally appropriate practice for preschool children. Interested applicants should contact the YCS office at 269-5574 or email the director, Sharon Golden, at sharon@calvaryumc.com.

"My Fair Lady" at the Renaissance Center

Mark your calendars now to go to the Renaissance Center in Dickson on Thursday, March 6, to see *My Fair Lady* in the Gaslight Theatre. A buffet lunch will be served at noon, and the play will begin immediately following lunch. The cost of the trip will be \$20.00, which includes the lunch and the play. To sign up, call the church at 297-7562.

CHURCH FAMILY

Sympathy

We extend our love and sympathy to the family of **Tony Heard** in the recent death of his father, Edwin Anthony Heard, Jr.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 20

- 3:00 p.m. K2 Choir and Worship Arts
- 3:00 p.m. Praise Band
- 3:45 p.m. 3-6 Choir and Worship Arts
- 4:00 p.m. Brass Ensemble
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Handbells
- 4:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
- 6:00 p.m. UMYF
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Handbells

Monday, January 21

- 1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness

Tuesday, January 22

- 8:00 a.m. Covenant Group
- 10:00 a.m. Book Circle
- 1:00 p.m. Knitting Group
- 6:00 p.m. Congregational Care
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday, January 23

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
- 1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness
- 5:30 p.m. WNL Dinner
- 6:10 p.m. Kingdom Kids
- 6:15 p.m. Praise Team
- 6:20 p.m. WNL Program
- 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Friday, January 25

- 1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness
- 5:30 p.m. Room in the Inn

Last chance to sign up to hear "Ms Cheap"

On Thursday, January 24, at 11:00 a.m., Calvary's Adult Fellowship will welcome Mary Hance, also known to readers of *The Tennessean* as "Ms. Cheap." We have all enjoyed Mary's columns and her appearances on shows such as "The Talk of the Town." Some of you may have read her new book, *Ms. Cheap's Guide to Getting More for Less*.

The deadline for reservations for the lunch following Ms. Cheap's presentation in Fellowship Hall is Tuesday, January 22. The cost of lunch is \$7.00 per person. Don't miss this opportunity to hear one of Nashville's most sought after speakers!

Paths to Prayer: A Prayer Retreat

As an invitation to the practice of prayer during Lent, you are invited to spend a morning in retreat learning to pray in new ways. Using Patricia Brown's book, *Paths to Prayer*, you will discover your prayer type and explore timeless prayer practices from 2000 years of Christian tradition.

We will use a whole-person approach to prayer that takes into account your individuality. A prayer styles self-assessment will help you reflect on your life, your preferences, and your unique way of interacting with the world. There will be time and space for the private "practice of prayer" and for interacting with others in corporate prayer.

The retreat will be at Calvary on Saturday, February 9, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The leader for the morning will be Libby Baxter, and the cost is \$20.00, which includes a copy of the book *Paths to Prayer*. To register for this Lenten retreat, call Robynn at 297-7562 or e-mail her at robynn@calvaryumc.com. The deadline for registration is February 4.

Mark your calendars! Special Sunday School Classes are being offered February 17 and 24

Plan to join us as Rod Kochtitzky, M. Div, presents two classes on love relationships. We will gather in the CLC and begin promptly at 9:15 a.m. Here's an overview of Rod's presentation:

Life Partners: How We Pick Them & How To Live With Them

In this talk, Rod Kochtitzky, M. Div., who works exclusively with couples on relationship issues, will explore themes that apply to all relationships, but especially to committed love relationships and marriages. Rod will explain why we "fall in love" and why we end up in a "power struggle" which leaves both partners alienated, stuck and/or resigned and possibly heading toward divorce, affairs or addictions to

escape the pain, disappointment and disillusionment. You will gain a broad understanding of how relationship agendas are scripted, as well as examine how "being conscious" of these agendas can empower different actions and a loving, intimate relationship.

You are encouraged to attend with your partner; however individuals in a partnership can find this material empowering for instituting change, growth and more intimacy into their relationship. Singles are also welcome. Rod is known for doing dynamic multimedia presentations that are interesting, intellectually stimulating and generate discussion. More information about Rod and his work with couples can be found at www.rodk.net.



Columbarium Update.....

What is the schedule for the Columbarium? Bob Yeager says, "We must first recognize that we are entering a period when we could have cold and rain that would destroy the best of schedules."

However, great progress has been made in the last few weeks, such as the walkways shown on the left. Landscaping should be completed by the end of January.

A consecration of the Columbarium will take place when it is completed at a yet-to-be designated time. First inurnments will follow the consecration.

In the meantime, you may contact Bob Yeager (373-1909), Gladys Wolfe (221-1144), or Kathryn Smith (383-0666) with questions.