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June 29, 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

Genesis 22:1-4;
Psalm 13;
Romans 6:12-23;
Matthew 10:40-42

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 5/31/2008 \$ 455,679
Disbursements to 5/31/2008 604,999

Where our money goes...

MAY 2008
Confirmation Class
\$752.95
Instrumental and Equipment
Purchase
\$685.10
Curriculum
\$646.80

INSIDE

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Jule Nyhuis
accepted for study tour
in Honduras

New book features
Calvary members

WATER

We were advised to drink plenty of water and/or to carry water with us as we boarded the boat. A mandatory stop to hear a National Park Ranger followed our disembarking from the boat; he told us three times to drink plenty of water and in a fourth sentence identified where water fountains could be found on the island.



I met Mitch for the first time at a dinner gathering in Indianapolis. Patti and I joined a few of her college classmates to start a reunion weekend for her. I learned that Mitch has known a successful career in Indiana government and was just recently named head of disaster response to the extensive flooding in that state. He noted that on the worst day of the floods southern Indiana had the largest inland lake in the nation. It was sobering to hear him tell the extent of property damage and the number of disrupted lives, though it was encouraging to sense that the official state response was in capable and tireless hands.

I have also exchanged e-mails with the Rev. Judy Eilders concerning flooding in Iowa. Some of you will remember Judy, she was on the Calvary staff for many years before accepting a position at St. Paul UMC in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Her first-hand account of a city under water included how the community has organized to respond to overwhelming needs. A dying mall on the edge of town opened empty space to displaced businesses at no cost; her church building, not heavily damaged, welcomed another congregation and day care into the facilities. One powerful anecdote concerned knowing and receiving outside care. The residents of Cedar Rapids felt a tremendous emotional boost when ten fire and emergency response vehicles (and personnel) arrived from St. Paul, Minnesota to assist local efforts.

The reunion morphed into a family vacation in San Francisco that was truly wonderful. Like every other visitor there we took the boat to Alcatraz, where we were encouraged to drink water, often. The tour offered a fascinating look at US history which included fear of Russian and French expansion into North

America, ripple effects of the Civil War, a military and then civilian prison, and a turning point in government policy toward Native Americans. A question mark in Alcatraz lore is whether three men who, in 1962, managed to get out of the prison buildings survived their swim off the island. The official statistics on Alcatraz as a prison state that no one ever escaped.

From Alcatraz to San Francisco is just over a mile; therefore, prisoners could see and hear the sights and sounds of life in the city. Alcatraz was in use during a period of criminal justice policy aimed at punishment rather than rehabilitation. The audio tour included reflections by prisoners on that "so close, yet so far" reality of life outside of prison; it was a heavy penalty. The bay water is cold and the currents treacherous, providing a natural barrier beyond the bars, walls, guards, and barbed wire fences. Indeed, the water did more to assure the residents of San Francisco of their safety than all the governmental precautions. Alcatraz was reserved for the most wanted criminals in its day.

All said, the past week had a decidedly wet theme coursing through it. Water is a source of life, a powerful force of nature, and liturgically, both a sign of God's grace and a glimpse into God's Kingdom. As a gift and force of nature, the same Cedar River that gave birth to the city of Cedar Rapids has now left a path of destruction. The rain so necessary to the health and production of agriculture in southern Indiana has now left ruined crops and fields. Even the waters around Alcatraz that offered security to some proved unforgiving to others.

Yet, my water based reflections have been drawn to that short distance between the chaos in human life and the order of God's Kingdom. Like the sight/sound of life across the bay for prisoners on Alcatraz, there is a kingdom God has designed for us that we are often privileged to see/hear. It can be the sound of emergency personnel arriving from St. Paul, Minnesota to help, or the sight of a water fountain when a drink is most needed. As those who have been baptized into the body of Christ, it is our firm belief that we have crossed the waters into that kingdom where grace, care, and life abound.

Peter van Eys, Senior Pastor

Two Calvary artists exhibit paintings



ETHEL SMITH GALLERY SHOW ~ JULY 2008

Original oil paintings by

Jean Gauld-Jaeger

June 30, 2008 to July 30, 2008

Title: Legacy

Artists Reception

July 5, 2008 ~ 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

The Tennessee Art League

808 Broadway ~ Nashville, TN 37203



ACCENTUATE YOUR HOME GALLERY

A special showing and sale of paintings by

ROBERT MCCONNELL

Sunlight, Trees, Flowers, Tuscany and the Italian Countryside

June 26, 2008 through July 12, 2008

Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

CALVARY AT A GLANCE

Calvary's Senior Banquet 2008

Sunday, August 3, a Pool Party and Burger Bar will be held from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at Hillwood Country Club. It is free and open to all who want to know the 2008 youth group graduates. Reservations are required by July 27. Email Kris Lott (kris@calvaryumc.com) or call him (297-7562) to make your reservation.

Youth choir of FUMC Benton, Arkansas to sing at 8:15 worship on June 29.

The Youth Choir of First United Methodist Church, Benton, AR will provide special music for the 8:15 worship on Sunday, June 29. The choir will be touring the Nashville area and is under the direction of Deborah Kelley and accompanied by Greg Taylor.

Service of Healing

Calvary's Spiritual Formation Committee will sponsor a quarterly Service of Healing during the Sunday School hour this Sunday morning, June 29, in the Chapel at 9:15 a.m. Persons may enter in silence for a quiet time of prayer between 9:15 and 9:30. At 9:30, the liturgy for the morning service will begin. At the end of the service, persons will have the opportunity to ask for prayers of healing and to be anointed with oil, a sign act invoking the healing love of God. Others may choose to pray silently in the pew or at the chancel rail.

The *United Methodist Book of Worship* states that "Scripture strongly affirms ministries of spiritual healing ... Spiritual healing is God's work of offering persons balance, harmony, and wholeness of body, mind, spirit and relationships through confession, forgiveness, and reconciliation ... All healing is of God ... Healing is not magic, but underlying it is the great mystery of God's love ... God does not promise that we shall be spared suffering but does promise to be with us in our suffering. Trusting that promise, we are enabled to recognize God's sustaining presence in pain, sickness, injury, and estrangement." These are the spiritual truths in which a service of healing is conducted.

You are invited to join others in the Chapel at 9:15 a.m. on June 29 where we will affirm that the greatest healing of all is the reunion or reconciliation of a human being with God. Come and renew and strengthen your relationship with the living Christ. If you have questions, call Libby Baxter at the church at 297-7562..

Vacation Bible School

There is still time to sign up for **Vacation Bible School** to be held July 21-July 25 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. It is a week of lots of fun! Download a registration form from the Calvary website: www.calvaryumc.com.

CHURCH FAMILY

Wedding

Congratulations to **Kevin Roswell** and **Holland Burrow** who were married at Calvary on June 21, 2008.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 29

9:15 a.m. Healing Service
6:00 p.m. UMYF

Monday, June 30

1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness
4:30 p.m. Yoga Class

Tuesday, July 1

8:00 a.m. Covenant Group
6:00 p.m. YCS Board

Wednesday, July 2

6:15 p.m. Praise Team
6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Friday, July 4

OFFICE CLOSED

Heifer International offers unique study tour for educators

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - Heifer International's Community Education team is excited to offer a special Study Tour opportunity created specifically for educators. The tour begins in mid-summer with a visit to Heifer program areas in Honduras. Local Christian Educator, The Rev. Dr. Jule M. Nyhuis who serves as Calvary United Methodist Church's Minister to Children and Their Families, has been accepted to be a part of this study tour. When asked about this tour, Jule said, "I primarily applied for this study tour that I might be better equipped to answer the inevitable questions I hear whenever we raise funds for Heifer: 'Does it really work? Do the offerings we give to buy animals for folks somewhere in the world really lift people out of poverty? And if so, how?' I am eager to meet families whose lives have been changed by the gift of livestock and agricultural training. It was just a few years ago that the Calvary congregation officially got involved in Heifer's work by sending our sixth grade confirmands and their adult mentors to Heifer's learning center in Arkansas where we participated in an overnight stay in Heifer's Global Village. Those experiences, along with raising \$5,000 through our Advent Alternative Gift-Giving ministry that we might send an Ark of Animals through Heifer International, have begun to take root in Calvary's children and families. I look forward to the chance to help make a greater impact by more deeply connecting those of us who have more than enough material possessions with those who lack the basic necessities of adequate food, shelter, health care, education, and hope. I even hope to learn a few tips for my own backyard veggie garden!"

This Study Tour will provide teachers who participate in Heifer's educational programs with an opportunity to learn more about Heifer International, issues associated with the root causes of hunger, poverty and environmental degradation, and how their actions as educators help to alleviate these problems. Also, by visiting Heifer proj-

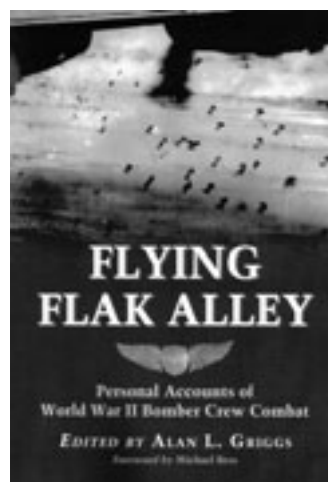
ect sites and partners, participants get to see firsthand how Heifer's approach to development really works.

Heifer selected 31 teachers, administrators, and other educators and volunteers from a pool of nationwide applicants.

Marie McCabe, Heifer's Director of Community Education, said, "The Study Tour for educators is intended to develop advocates who will take up the cause of sustainable development by speaking out and educating others. Participants in the Study Tour for educators will be expected to take part in educational activities during the trip, and, after they return home, to make presentations about Heifer."

Heifer's Community Education team is responsible for developing programs such as Heifer U, GET IT! Middle School program, and the new Global Education Resource Kits for grades preK- six. Course materials may be ordered free online at www.HeiferEducation.org by calling (800) 422-0474.

Since 1944, Heifer International has provided struggling families a way to become self-reliant for food and income. Through the gift of livestock and training, a family can obtain milk, eggs, wool and other income-producing benefits to feed, clothe and educate their children. Each gift multiplies because every family that receives a Heifer animal promises to "pass on the gift" by giving one or more of their animal's offspring to another family in need. Heifer International currently supports projects in over 50 countries, including the United States, that create sustainable small-scale farm enterprises to improve nutrition and supplement income. Local community groups conceive and manage Heifer International projects, empowering them to solve their own problems and equipping the next generation to face challenges successfully. For more information about Heifer International, please call (800) 696-1918, or visit www.heifer.org.



Two Calvary members featured in new book edited by Alan Griggs

Nashville broadcast writer and producer Alan L. Griggs has completed what he termed a "labor of love and a labor of passion" by recording the World War II memoirs of bomber crew members.

Flying Flak Alley: Personal Accounts of World War II Bomber Crew Combat is published by

McFarland and includes 125 stories by 55 veterans.

Speaking to the World War II Bomber Group at its monthly luncheon, Griggs said his interest in the subject began when his friend Bill Roberts (*Calvary member*) brought him to a similar luncheon size years ago.

He said meeting the veterans and hearing some of their recollections made him realize that these important historical events needed to be preserved.

"You all deserve to have your stories told," he said, adding that he regretted the publisher had to drop some of the stories for space reasons. Griggs said he is planning a second book to make sure "every story is preserved for future generations."

Some stores are humorous, some poignant. All will

remind the reader that these were very young men who faced death or capture with every mission over enemy territory and who performed with remarkable bravery.

An excerpt by Sgt. Bill Roberts:

All too soon you entered enemy territory and you climbed into Rosie's upper gun turret. Just ahead was one of the most gorgeous sights ever seen: the magnificent Alps, shimmering in bright sunlight under the cloudless sky. It had snowed in the mountains on Christmas Eve and their virginal whiteness was broken only by occasional wisps of smoke rising out of chimneys of snug homes nestled in the valleys. If only you were a Santa Claus carrying toys to those chimneys. But you weren't Santa Claus and you weren't carrying toys. "Dive for the cellar! Go to the shelter, everyone! We don't want to hurt you, just your railroad. Our toys are bombs! Get away from those tracks."

(This article, written by Sandy Campell for the *Green Hill News*, was used with permission. A copy of *Flying Flak Alley* is available in the Calvary Library.)

Captain Robert C. Fesmire, a former Calvary member, who is deceased, is also featured in *Flying Flak Alley*.