

FROM OUR HILL

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

January 17, 2010

8:30 a.m.

CalvaryConnection in the Chapel

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

6:30 p.m.

Service of Prayer & Holy Communion

in the Chapel

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Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 36:5-10

I Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

## Responding to the Emergency in Haiti



We join the world in prayer for the living and dead in Haiti, and their families and friends around the globe. They have sustained devastating loss of life and property from an earthquake that reduced parts of the capitol city, Port au Prince, to rubble on January 12th. Already a nation plagued with systemic issues of poverty, consequences of deforestation, and host to a multinational UN Peacekeeping mission, this natural catastrophe will require the compassion, support, and aid of the worldwide community.

There is no way to process destruction of this magnitude, millions affected and a death toll in thousands. We are reminded how powerful are the forces of nature, and how fragile is human life.

Such events test the depth of our faith that God is present in every circumstance, and bring us to our knees in lament. They also put in perspective the vanity of much that consumes our days and invite us to act in ways that reflect our belief that humankind is made in God's image.

You should know that the United Methodist Church Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is already providing resources to meet short and long term needs in Haiti. In fact, UMCOR has been active and present in Haiti for many years. Consequently, with long standing ties to channels of care, UMCOR was able to mobilize an immediate and efficient response.

Calvary members support the ongoing work of UMCOR through apportionments; these are times we celebrate the ties that bind United Methodists. However, you may want to give directly to the relief efforts in Haiti with a financial or material gift. Checks may be placed in the offering plate Sunday or mailed to UMCOR, PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087. Make checks out to **UMCOR – Advance #418325**, and write Haiti Emergency on the memo line. You may prefer to donate online through <http://secure.gbgm-umc.org/donations/umcor/donate.cfm?code=418325&id=3018760>. 100% of gifts made to this advance will go to help the people of Haiti.

As for material goods, UMCOR (through the Sager Brown Center) is coordinating a shipment of health kits to provide individuals with basic necessities. If you would like to make a kit and bring it to the church, we will mail it to Sager Brown. Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag:

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", no kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

The other gift that you, we, have to offer is the gift of prayer. Haiti is a nation in crisis and thankfully the global community is responding. The road to recovery will be long, and the reach of compassion must never end. At some point in the future, there will be opportunity for individuals and work teams to go Haiti. For now, may we support the work of UMCOR and pray. And pray.

Peter van Eys, Senior Pastor

If you would like to give online, you can get to the UMCOR donation page by a link on the front page of [www.calvaryumc.com](http://www.calvaryumc.com) under Haiti Emergency, located at the bottom of our home page.

## CHURCH AT A GLANCE

If you would like to electronically receive the weekly church paper (*From Our Hill*), please email your request to kris@calvaryumc.com and you will be added to the list.

### UNICEF

Many, many thanks to those who contributed in 2009 to UNICEF individually or through the fun-filled Fall Festival. \$327.18 was sent from Calvary to help with nutrition, medicines, school supplies, blankets and clean water programs throughout the world. Thanks, Margie

## CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our love and sympathy to **Mary Jane Williams** and her family in the death of her sister, Margaret Follis.

We extend our congratulations to **Mike and Julie Brown** in the birth of their son, William Michael.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 17, 2010

8:30 a.m. CalvaryConnection  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Holy Communion

### Monday, January 18

Officed Closed for MLK Day  
5:30 p.m. Jr. High Basketball  
6:30 p.m. Girls Basketball  
6:30 p.m. Weavings Reading Group

### Tuesday, January 19

8:00 a.m. Covenant Group  
4:00 p.m. Tutoring @ Cottage Cove  
6:00 p.m. Sr. High Boys Basketball Practice  
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee  
7:00 p.m. Church Council (FH)

### Wednesday, January 20

1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness  
5:30 p.m. WNL  
6:15 p.m. Praise Team  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

### Thursday, January 21

6:00 p.m. TN Conf. Commission on Archives

### Friday, January 22

1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness  
5:00 p.m. Room in the Inn

### Saturday, January 23

8:00 a.m. Girls Basketball @ West End UMC  
10:00 a.m. Jr. High Basketball Game  
2:00 p.m. Sr. High BBall - Dunn  
3:00 p.m. Sr. High BBall - Lott

## WNL – Literature and Faith

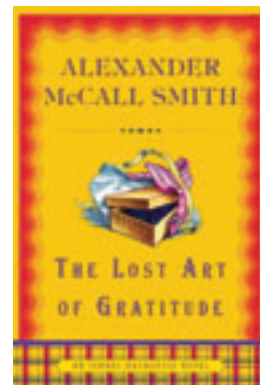
On Wednesday night, January 20, the Wednesday Nite Live program will present Part 2 of “Looking at Literature Through the Eyes of Faith.” Our presenter for Part 2 will be Rev. Stephanie Dunn, and Stephanie will talk about literature that has shaped her life. Don’t miss this opportunity to learn about interesting books and their effects on our journey of faith.

The WNL meal begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center, and the program begins at 6:15. The menu for January 20 will be Baked Spaghetti, Caesar Salad, Texas Toast, and Cheesecake. The cost of \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Make your reservation by calling the church at 297-7562 by Monday, January 18 at noon, or e-mail Libby at libby@calvaryumc.com.

## The Book Circle

The Book Circle will meet January 26, at 9:30 AM in room 309. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIME FOR THIS MONTH.

Kathryn Smith will review *THE LOST ART OF GRATITUDE*, the sixth novel in Alexander McCall Smith's series featuring Scottish philosopher Isabel Dalhousie. Set in Edinburgh, the story unfolds with the intrigue of blackmail, arson, accusations of plagiarism, and other enticing events to charm and entertain the reader. Everyone is welcome!



## Adult Fellowship to meet at Glendale UMC

Glendale United Methodist Church members have attended Calvary's Adult Fellowship programs several times in 2009, and now we are going to return the favor. On Tuesday, January 26th, Calvary's Adult Fellowship and Glendale's Adult Fellowship will have a joint meeting at Glendale in their Fellowship Hall. The program will be at 11:00 a.m., and lunch will follow the program.

The guest speaker on January 26 will be the Rev. Dr. Joyce Samuels from the Pastoral Center for Healing. Using insights from the field of “positive psychology,” Dr. Samuels will talk about what constitutes true “happiness” and how we can achieve it. Please note that this program is on the fourth Tuesday of January, not on our customary fourth Thursday. Glendale UMC is located at 900 Glendale Lane, Nashville, TN 37204. Contact Libby Baxter at Calvary at 297-7562 with your reservation by Friday, Jan. 22.

## Youth Auction / Luncheon - Sunday March 7 -We NEED YOU!

Please help with the biggest youth missions fundraiser of the year

- Donate art or other such items to the auction that showcase your talents
- Contact your favorite restaurant or merchant. See if they will donate/or you can purchase a gift certificate to sell at the auction.
  - Donate new items to sell at the auction.
- Classes or Individuals can sponsor a van for the trip for \$400 and/or a counselor for \$200.
- Purchase youth to work for you in three-hour blocks.
- Make your reservations to attend the Luncheon and Auction on Sunday, March 7 following the 10:30 worship service.

Please contact Kris Lott at Calvary  
Martha Lott at 371-1751  
with Donations or Questions

# Welcome to Lori Kersey



I am pleased to welcome Lori Kersey to Calvary. Lori will serve as our Church Business Administrator starting immediately. Lori, her husband and their sons live in West Nashville. They attend First Universalist Church of Nashville where Lori has served as their Church Administrator since January, 2008.

With degrees from both the University of South Carolina and Clemson, Lori brings to us an electrical engineering background.

Please welcome and support Lori in her transition to our staff. She can be reached by email at [Lori@CalvaryUMC.com](mailto:Lori@CalvaryUMC.com)

I owe a word of thanks to the congregation for allowing me to serve as the Interim Church Business Administrator this past year. This has been both a learning and a growing experience for me. Of one thing I am certain-Calvary is blessed with a loving, capable and caring Christian staff. I leave this experience with a more profound love for Calvary United Methodist Church, its

Don Birdwell

staff and congregation.

## Ten Thousand Villages and Miriam's Promise

Ten Thousand Villages will kick off the New Year in partnership with fellow nonprofit Miriam's Promise, a pregnancy, parenting and adoption service. Shoppers at the Green Hills store are invited to bring baby supply donations throughout the month of January in support of expectant mothers and children served by Miriam's Promise. "Feather the Nest" is their closet for babies, toddlers and new parents in need of the basics.

Ten Thousand Villages welcomes donations of new bottles, Sippy cups, baby lotion, baby wash, baby soap, diapers (sizes 0-5), disposable wipes, towels, washcloths, new receiving blankets, diaper rash cream, and clothing (sizes 3-24 months). Items may be dropped off at the fair trade store Monday - Saturday, from 10 until 6.

In addition to the supply collection, Ten Thousand Villages is offering an afternoon of shopping in support of Miriam's Promise and its mission of service to local children. On Sunday, January 17th, the store will be open from 12 until 5 and will donate 10% of sales to Miriam's Promise. This event will be the first of an annual series of partnerships between Ten Thousand Villages and Nashville nonprofit agencies that will take place on the third Sunday of each month, from January through October. Each partner organization will receive 10% of Ten Thousand Villages store sales on the day of their event, as well as the opportunity to further promote their mission.

## Enrollment time is here!

Enrollment packets can be picked up in the YCS office. New this year is a school age summer camp for children K-4th grade.

As you are enrolling, keep in mind that enrollment should be for five days, three days (M,W,F) or two days (T, Th). We will no longer be able to accommodate schedules other than those listed options. For the SCHOOL AGE summer camp one must enroll for five days but can pick which weeks you need care.

To enroll for either the summer and/or school year session, please complete and return the appropriate form with the non-refundable fee according to the following schedule:

January 2-15, for children currently enrolled.

January 16-20, for 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, for siblings of children currently enrolled or previously enrolled.

January 27-31, for 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 in and ask.





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