

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 24, 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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Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6, 8-10

Psalms 19

I Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

## The Pastor's Fund



Over the next several weeks the Calvary community will be hearing financial status reports regarding the year 2009. There is much to celebrate. It has been my privilege each January to share with you how monies in the Pastor's Fund were disbursed. The Calvary staff has consistently been in a wonderful position to respond to emergency needs of members as well as requests for assistance that come from beyond the membership, because of the many who give generously to the Pastor's Fund. Gifts totaling \$9,733.30 in 2009 were added to the beginning balance.

It was not surprising given the current state of the economy and the job market that a greater number from within the Calvary community asked for help last year. \$5980.56 was used to meet mort-

gage payments, utilities, and rent.

I occasionally receive special requests from organizations in town that need additional support, and responded to 61st Avenue UMC (\$200), Project Homeless Connect (\$100), Primera Iglesia UMC (\$100), and the Nashville Chapter of the NAACP (\$100). There was also an urgent appeal from the Lighthouse Ministry in Estonia (\$300), and a college student who has been a regular visitor asked for financial support of a school sponsored mission trip (\$100).

People come by the church each week seeking assistance. We have bought gas (\$1,373.57), given Kroger cards (\$1,200) and bus passes (\$243), helped with electric (\$712.24) and natural gas (\$100) bills, assisted with car payments (\$850) and provided rent support (\$592.40). Occasionally we have paid individuals for doing odd jobs around the church property (\$120), once we bought a new Bible (\$27.99), a new ID (\$12), a pair of boots (\$30), and minutes on a phone card (\$54.60). Other funds have been given for Christmas gifts, hotel rooms, and meals we have provided folks by taking them to the Krystal next door (\$277.35).

There was one use of the Pastor's Fund that was different in 2009 from prior years. Knowing it to be a discretionary fund, I covered the remaining balance of the cost of receptions/gifts (\$1,311.60) for the staff that left Calvary; and we had a significant number of staff leave. The operating budget did not include a line item for these expenses, and though some donations were given by members to honor departing staff, much of it was designated in specific ways. I knew that the Calvary Church family wanted to appropriately recognize and honor those who have served Calvary so faithfully.

I want to thank this covenant community for supporting the Pastor's Fund! Sharing resources enables the church to be the church; opening us to the blessings that come when we care for one another as any have need, and extend Christ's love to neighbors and strangers in need. It is a great ministry of Calvary and a faithful response of gratitude to God.

Peter van Eys, Senior Pastor

## Haiti Relief

If you would like to make a UMCOR kit and bring it to the church, we will mail it. Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag: (***Please do not add anything extra to the kits.***)

- 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
- a one dollar bill

## CHURCH AT A GLANCE

### Save the Date for the Church Retreat

April 30 – May 2, 2010 at Beersheba

Registration during the month of March

The District training will be January 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Brentwood UMC.

## CHURCH FAMILY

Ed Stetler sent word that his wife Kathleen, known to many as Kitty, died on November 27th in Mechanicsburg, PA. When they lived in Nashville, she was a very active member of Calvary, directing the Mother's Day Out program. If you would like to send a note to Ed, please call the church office for that address. Memorials may be sent to Camp Hill UMC, 417 S. 22nd Street, Camp Hill, PA, 17011.

Our thoughts are with Jim and Dani Beasley; Jim's father James Hiram Beasley died Jan 16th.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 24, 2010

8:30 a.m. CalvaryConnection

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

3:00 p.m. K - 2 Choir

3:45 p.m. 3 - 6 Choir

4:00 p.m. Youth Bells

5:00 p.m. Children Snack Supper

5:00 p.m. Youth Choir

5:30 p.m. Children's Handbell

6:00 p.m. UMYF

6:15 p.m. Adult Handbells

6:30 p.m. Prayer & Holy Communion

### Monday, January 25

5:30 p.m. Jr. High Basketball

6:30 p.m. Girls Basketball

### Tuesday, January 26

8:00 a.m. Covenant Group

9:30 a.m. Book Circle (Rm # 309)

11:00 a.m. Adult Fellowship (Glendale UMC)

4:00 p.m. Tutoring @ Cottage Cove

6:00 p.m. Sr. High Boys Basketball Practice

### Wednesday, January 27

1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness

5:30 p.m. WNL

6:15 p.m. Praise Team

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

### Friday, January 29

1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness

5:00 p.m. Room in the Inn

Warmth in Winter Youth Friday - Sunday

### Saturday, January 30

8:00 a.m. Jr. High Basketball (Calvary)

10:00 a.m. Girls Basketball (West End UMC)

12:00 p.m. Sr. High BBall - Lott (Westminster)

3:00 p.m. Sr. High BBall - Dunn (Calvary)

## Room in the Inn Update

Many thanks to the Sunday School Classes, other groups, and individuals that have provided meals and shelter at Calvary to the homeless community during November, December and January. Two more months to go!

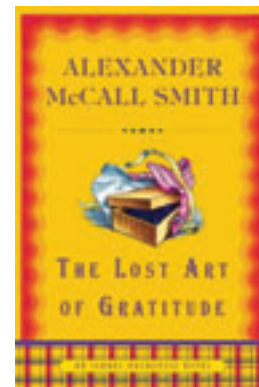
We have three "open dates" for which no groups or individuals have signed up, but we know that we can count on the generous hearts of Calvary to fill these dates. The dates are February 12, March 5, and March 19. If you can do one of the jobs (set-up on Friday, drive the van to pick up guests, prepare and serve food, spend the night, provide breakfast, provide sack lunches, or clean up on Saturday morning), please call Kathryn Smith at 383-0666.

--The Missions Committee and the Room in the Inn Coordinators--

## 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!



## Wednesday Nite Live January 27

Join us for Wednesday Nite Live on January 27 as we meet together for Part 3 of "Looking at Literature Through the Eyes of Faith." The Wednesday Nite Live meal is at 5:30 p.m., and the program begins at 6:15. The menu for January 27 will be Ham, Corn Casserole, Broccoli, Salad, and Banana Pudding. The cost of the meal is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Make your dinner reservation by calling the church at 297-7562 by Monday, January 25 at noon.

## FIRST CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING OF 2010

The Calvary Church Council held its first meeting of 2010 on January 19, with new Council Chair Kevin Walkup presiding.

- Reports were heard from the YCS Board and from the Committees on Staff-Parish Relations, Stewardship, Finance, the Columbarium, Communications and Missions.

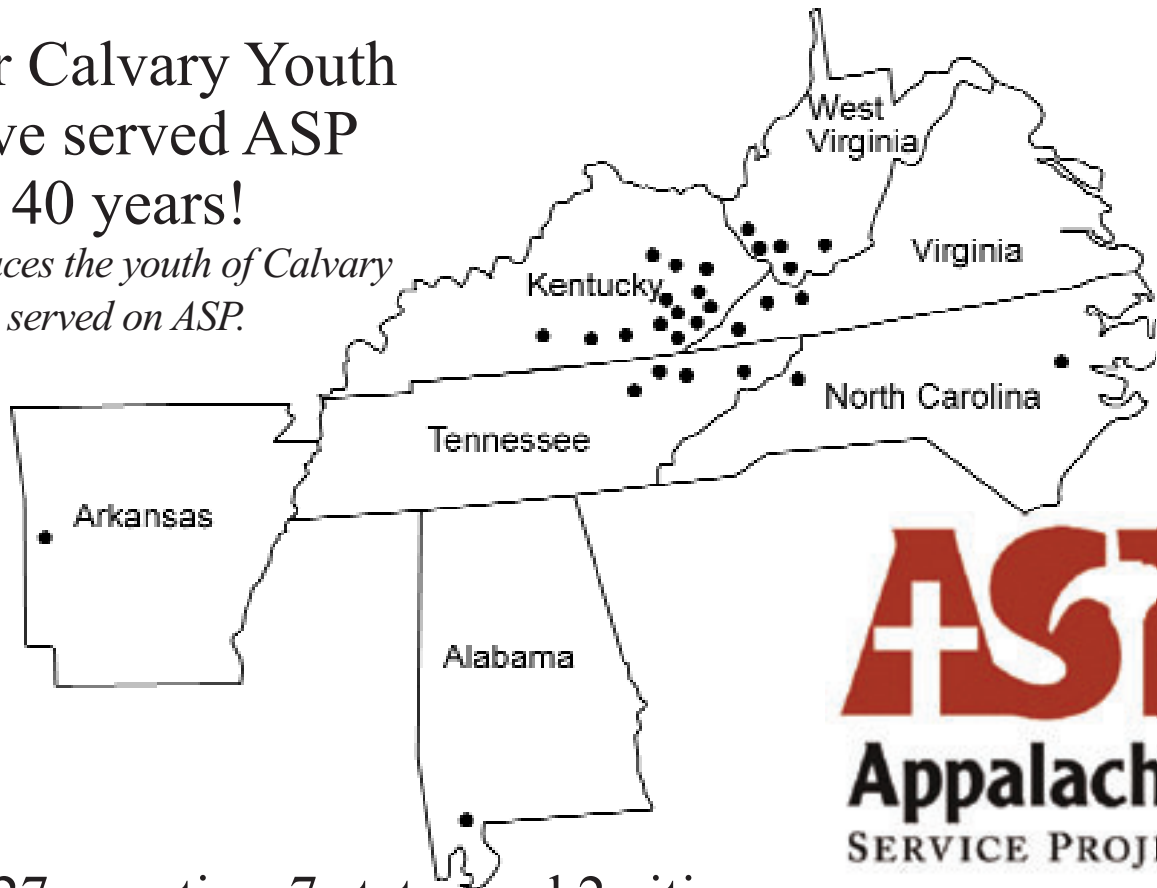
- New Church Business Administrator Lori Kersey was introduced to the Council. Lori Comes to Calvary from a similar position at First Unitarian Universalist Church.

- Contributions for 2009 were approximately \$100,000 in excess of current expenses and approximately \$30,000 over budget. The Finance Committee is considering several options for the application of the excess receipts to offset Calvary's indebtedness.

- The Council's regular meeting schedule was set for the year, with meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each odd-numbered month at 7:00 PM. The next Council meeting is set for March 23. The Steering Committee will meet to set the Council agenda at 7:00 PM on the fourth Tuesday of each even-numbered month.

# This year Calvary Youth will have served ASP for 40 years!

*See all the places the youth of Calvary  
have served on ASP.*



40 years, 27 counties, 7 states and 2 cities

## Arkansas

Ft. Smith - 1973

## Alabama

Mobile - 1976

## Kentucky

Adair County - 1972  
Bell County - 1971, 1973, 1974  
Breathitt County - 1977  
Clay County - 1974, 1981  
Harlan County - 1983  
Knott County - 1974, 1982, 1991, 2000,  
2003, 2009

Knox County - 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974,  
1975

Laurel County - 1973, 1974  
Letcher County - 1980, 2005  
Magoffin County - 2004  
Perry County - 1985, 1997, 1998  
Powell County - 1979  
Whitley County - 1971

## North Carolina

Avery County - 1988  
Pamlico County - 1973

## Tennessee

Campbell County - 1993

Claiborne County - 1996  
Hancock County - 1984  
Johnson County - 1989

## Virginia

Buchanan County - 1999  
Dickenson County - 1986, 2008  
Lee County - 1002, 1995

## West Virginia

Logan County - 1998, 2006  
McDowell County - 1990, 2002  
Mingo County - 1994  
Raleigh County - 2001  
Wyoming County - 1987, 2007

## 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

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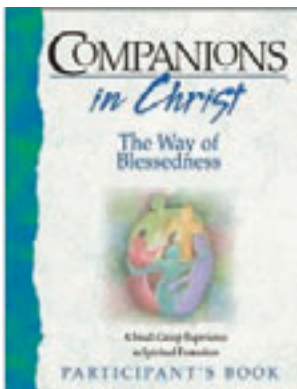


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## Study of “The Beatitudes” Begins February 21

The Way of Blessedness is a small-group resource that explores Jesus’ first teachings from The Sermon on the Mount commonly referred to as the Beatitudes. These teachings hold within them the key to realizing God’s joy-filled intent for us – to live the soul-deep gladness and satisfaction of our faith. The path to which Christ calls us is certainly challenging. These teachings may first strike us as strange or confusing. But as we move forward on this journey of exploration of the Beatitudes, the hope is that you will discover for yourself and as a group how the way of blessedness calls us into the very life of God’s kingdom.



This small group experience led by Libby Baxter will begin on Sunday, February 21 and conclude on Sunday, April 25. Commitment to the class involves daily reading of short pieces of Scripture, reflection on the daily Scripture, and one reading per week from the class book. The time frame for the class will be Sunday evenings 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. To sign up for the class, contact Libby at 297-7562 or at [libby@calvaryumc.com](mailto:libby@calvaryumc.com).

## A Small Group Gathering in Lent: *The Awkward Season*

On Sunday, February 21, a six-session small group experience will begin at Calvary. The Reverend Pam Hawkins will lead this group through the Scriptures, prayers, and guided reflection on the season, using her new book, *The Awkward Season: Prayers for Lent*.

Each session will last one hour on Sunday evenings from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. To sign up for this small group, contact Libby Baxter at 297-7562 or [libby@calvaryumc.com](mailto:libby@calvaryumc.com)