

# FROM OUR HILL

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## CALVARY

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### Calvary Cares Line: 385-1600

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

### January 31, 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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Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

I Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

## The United Methodist Committee on Relief



I made a quick trip to Knoxville to see my sons. They are doing well and time with them is a prized commodity; life is good. The drive featured drizzle, rain, heavy rain, sleet, flurries, and hail; it was a study in precipitation. There was one patch of sunshine between the Westel Road and Crab Orchard exits that created the effect of looking up from the bottom of a volcano. A bank of clouds in every direction with a ring of blue above, short lived as it was. The other memorable moment was a wild turkey running along the interstate (in the middle green space) near the Baxter exit. As if racing traffic headed west, I was impressed by its pace.

Yesterday evening the walk from office to home, yes I have an enviable commute, afforded me a stunning sunset. I never cease to be amazed by the view from our hill. Winter skies can be particularly enchanting since vision is a bit sharper and farther in cold weather; I paid attention in class that day.

The gift of being with my boys, the fun of seeing a sprinting turkey, and the mesmerizing beauty of the setting sun were a stark contrast to news from Haiti. There nature revealed its earth shattering power, leaving families to grieve and creatures great and small to forge life amid the rubble. The loss of life, property, and infrastructure are staggering.

I have mentioned in print and spoken word the need for the world community, for us, to respond generously and compassionately to this crisis. I have also highlighted that we can give through an Advance Special (#418325) that supports the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) in Haiti. Last Sunday a member suggested that I elaborate on what UMCOR is, and what they do; a very good idea. Thus, I have copied and pasted the following from their web page:

*The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the not-for-profit global humanitarian aid organization of the United Methodist Church. UMCOR is working in more than 80 countries worldwide, including the United States. Our mission, grounded in the teachings of Jesus, is to alleviate human suffering—whether caused by war, conflict or natural disaster, with open hearts and minds to all people.*

*UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters that are interruptions of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own.*

*We partner with local partner organizations and survivors to rebuild their livelihoods, health and homes. In times of acute crisis we mobilize emergency supplies, fresh water, and temporary shelter to stricken areas, and then stay as long as it takes to implement long-term recovery. Our workers are known all over the globe for their compassion, leadership, expertise and guidance in recovery efforts.*

*UMCOR works through programs that address hunger, poverty, sustainable agriculture, international and domestic emergencies, refugee and immigrant concerns, global health issues, and transitional development. United Methodist hearts and hands are part of every program implemented; school kit, seed, health kit, fresh water and tool distributed in the US and throughout the world; and every new house, well, clinic and school rebuilt after catastrophes of conflict or nature.*

We can rightly affirm the work of UMCOR and give thanks that through it Calvary is a partner in the global response to the needs in Haiti. I hope you noted that UMCOR “stays as long as it takes”. Indeed, UMCOR was already present in Haiti at the time of the earthquake because of prior commitments to humanitarian relief there. Furthermore, 100% of every gift through UMCOR goes to the purpose for which the gift was given. **There is one clarification I need to make: administrative costs for UMCOR are paid through donations to One Great Hour of Sharing. UMCOR does not receive apportionment funds or any other world service funds.** Keep that in mind when the One Great Hour of Sharing offering is taken in March.

Peter van Eys, Senior Pastor



## CHURCH AT A GLANCE

### Save the Date for the Church Retreat

April 30 – May 2, 2010 at Beersheba  
Registration during the month of March

### Thank You from Barth Vernon

Dear Calvary UMC,

Thank you so much for the food drive during the Advent Season. It is a wonderful addition to our food ministry here at Barth Vernon UMC. We are all blessed by God in so many ways. It is a true blessing to be able to help those in need. Again, Thank You and May God Bless You each and everyone,

Betty Craft, Food Ministry Coordinator

### Calvary Snow Policy

Calvary will not cancel Sunday worship services. For all other scheduled programs and ministries, information will be provided on the Calvary Webpage and the Calvary Care Line. You may also call the church office. For the latest update, please check [www.calvaryumc.com/content.cfm?id=355](http://www.calvaryumc.com/content.cfm?id=355).

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 31, 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, February 1

5:30 p.m. Jr. High Basketball  
6:30 p.m. Girls Basketball  
6:30 p.m. Weaving Reading Group  
7:00 p.m. Worship Task Force

### Tuesday, February 2

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. YCS Board Meeting

### Wednesday, February 3

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

### Friday, February 5

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

### Saturday, February 6

11:00 a.m. Jr. High Basketball (Calvary)  
12:00 p.m. Girls Basketball (West End UMC)  
2:00 p.m. Sr. High BBall - Lott (Westminster)  
2:00 p.m. Sr. High BBall - Dunn (Calvary)

## 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 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Sundays. To sign up for this small group, contact Libby Baxter at 297-7562 or [libby@calvaryumc.com](mailto:libby@calvaryumc.com)

## 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).



## Welcome to Our Church Family

Calvary warmly welcomes our new sister in Christ, **Millie May Sims**, pictured here with her parents, **Jerry and Beth Sims**. Millie May was baptized in the 10:30 a.m. worship service at Calvary on January 10, 2010. Thanks be to God!

## Souper Bowl of Caring

On Sunday February 7th, 140 million Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Please join young people around the country as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. Drop \$1 (or more) in the soup pot as you leave worship on February 7th. Those who need help may not know that you cared, but God will. And our young people are developing hearts for giving that can last a lifetime. This year, all money received will go to the Bethlehem Center.



# Calvary United Methodist Church

## 2010 Church Leadership

|                                       |                                                   |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Church Council Chair                  | Kevin Walkup                                      |
| Secretary of Council                  | Gladys Wolfe                                      |
| Lay Leader                            | Bob Currie                                        |
| Lay Members to Annual Conference      | Jim Crossman, Kathryn Smith, Pat Charron          |
| Alternate Lay Members to Annual Conf. | Jere Phillips, Tad Wert, Jan van Eys, Hailee Hunt |
| Church School Superintendent          | Berry Brooks                                      |
| Asst. Church School Superintendents   | Janelle Puryear, Mary Jane Rackard, Robert Page   |
| UMYF President                        | Amanda Currie                                     |
| YCS Chair                             | Anne Walkup                                       |

### Committees and Councils

|                           |                  |                     |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Archives and History      | Dave Nichols     | Scholarship         | Gary Schott      |
| Youth Council             | Phillip Kaufman  | Communication       | Shirley Drescher |
| Children's Council        | Elizabeth Merkel | Columbarium         | Flem Smith       |
| Adult/Older Adult Council | Lee Parkison     | Staff-Parish        | John Brown       |
| Sports Council            | Chris Morrison   | Foundation Board    | Fred Beesley     |
| Evangelism                | Tom Anderson     | Finance             | Nancy Freeman    |
| Education                 | Brenda Boon      | Trustee Board       | Brook Thompson   |
| Congregational Care       | Patti MacDonell  | Music               | Marty Welch      |
| Missions Council          | Carol White      | Technology          | Sue Ogg          |
| Worship                   | Royce Monk       | Spiritual Formation | Donna Williard   |
| Stewardship               | Matt Eads        |                     |                  |

### At Large Members

|               |               |                  |
|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| <b>2010</b>   | <b>2011</b>   | <b>2012</b>      |
| Paul Cole     | Neil Pond     | Don Williams     |
| Jane Shirley  | Jane Headrick | Winston Dodson   |
| Brian Pitts   | Lane Thompson | Michael Padgett  |
| Judy Williams | Bill Bradford | Mike Craft       |
| Sybil Stewart | Pat Ezell     | Mary Lee Hampton |
| Karen Ayers   | Suzi Murff    | Karla Taylor     |

#### Finance Committee

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Matt Eads  
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Terry Deaton

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Randy Oakes  
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Jim Morris  
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Kathryn Smith  
Rebecca Carty  
Elba Ann Cole  
Mary Lee Hampton  
Tad Wert

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## 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 \$500 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



Choir Tour

## WNL February 3

Join us on Wednesday night, February 3, as persons continue to share about how literature has shaped their lives of faith. We have had such interesting topics and conversations, and we look forward to the last two weeks of this series. The Wednesday Nite Live meal begins at 5:30 p.m., and the program begins at 6:15 p.m. The cost of the meal is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Make your reservation for the meal by calling the church at 297-7562 by Monday, Feb. 1 at noon.