

FROM OUR HILL

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April 4, 2010 ~ Easter Day

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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Acts 10:34-43

Psalms 118:1-2,14-24

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Luke 24:1-12

## The Meaning of the Cross - Resurrection



The three of them were there. His mother Mary, the disciple John, and Mary Magdalene were at the foot of the cross as Jesus suffered, when Jesus died. One gospel writer tells us that Jesus, "having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end" (John 13:1). Yet, these three were not there to receive Jesus' love but to love him unto death. There is a difference.

Mary, who had birthed Jesus and so often held him in life, Mary Magdalene, healed of demons by Jesus, and John the disciple whom scripture says Jesus loved stood where Jesus could see them. In the midst of all the ugliness that his crucifixion surfaced were the faces of love. Whether Jesus looked unto the heavens or stared directly into

one of their faces, his last earthly sight was that of love.

Holy Week provides ample story line to examine our faithfulness and loyalty to Jesus when confronted by trials and temptations. There are many examples of people acting out of fear, or swept up in the mob mentality, or simply obeying orders or even thinking they knew God's will better than God. Yet, not to be missed, is the presence and the power of love. It calls to mind what Paul said about love to the Church in Corinth, "it bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends." (1 Cor. 13:7-8a)

The Season of Lent places much focus on our individual lives in relationship to God. The forty days are to be approached as an occasion for intentional spiritual growth. Like the passion narrative, I am sure the challenges of such a journey have had a weeding effect; some have been more faithful to that call than others. However, as the cross gives way to an empty tomb, so too are we all approached in love and offered new life.

The resurrection of Jesus is not the aftermath of the cross; it is the meaning of the cross. Love triumphs over sin and death, love is stronger than hate and anger, love trumps self-serving politics and self serving religion. Indeed, the resurrection validates the message of Jesus and the way he lived his life, announcing what Paul later penned so beautifully, nothing "will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:39c)

In his resurrection Jesus offers an invitation and issues a call. The invitation is to new life and the call is to a particular life, lives of sacrificial love. Fyodor Dostoyevsky wrote in *The Brothers Karamazov*, "If you wish to find eternal life believable you must live your life right now in self-forgetting love."

I hope to see you at our Holy Thursday Service, Good Friday Service, and an Easter Service. There is so much in the passion narrative and the Easter proclamation to absorb and process. Let me direct your attention to the presence of Mary, mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, and John, at the death of Jesus. A mother outliving a child, friends outliving a friend, how love received was love shared. And then, consider that the love which carried Jesus from life to death to life again is more than an emotion; it is a conviction.

Peter van Eys, Senior Pastor

## HOLY WEEK AT CALVARY

|           |          |                                                |
|-----------|----------|------------------------------------------------|
| April 1st | 7:00 pm  | Holy Thursday                                  |
| April 2nd | 7:00 pm  | Good Friday ~ Scripture, Drama, Liturgy, Music |
| April 4th | 6:30 am  | Easter Sunrise Service in Chapel               |
|           | 7:00 am  | Breakfast served in CLC (until 9:15 am)        |
|           | 8:30 am  | Easter Sunday Connection Service in Sanctuary  |
|           | 10:30 am | Easter Sunday Traditional Service in Sanctuary |
|           | 6:30 pm  | Prayer and Communion Service in Chapel         |

## CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our love and sympathy to the family of **Ouida Tucker** in her recent death.

We celebrate the baptism of Ellerson Anne Burns and Kathryn Madison Burns, twin great-granddaughters of **Joyce Shaddix**, on March 21, at Northside United Methodist Church in Atlanta.

### Prayers for our Service Men and Women

We continue to remember members of the armed services who are deployed in various places around the world. May God help us hasten the day when the entire world will be at peace.

If you know persons who should be added to our **Concerns and Joys list**, please call the church office or write their names on a slip of paper and place in the offering plate.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 4, 2010

- 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service (Chapel)
- 7:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast (CLC)
- 8:30 a.m. CalvaryConnection (Sanctuary)
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Holy Communion

### Monday, April 5

OFFICE & YCS CLOSED

### Tuesday, April 6

- 8:00 a.m. Covenant Group
- 4:00 p.m. Tutoring at Cottage Cove
- 6:00 p.m. YCS Board Meeting

### Wednesday, April 7

- 10:30 a.m. Women's Support Group
- 12:00 p.m. Your Faith at Work (#307)
- 1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness
- 5:30 p.m. WNL Dinner
- 6:15 p.m. Praise Team
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

### Thursday, April 8

### Friday, April 9

- 1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness

### Saturday, April 10

- 3:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt



# PLEASE JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST EASTER MORNING

Easter Sunday a complete breakfast will be served in the Christian Life Center.

Please come enjoy the food and fellowship as we celebrate Easter Sunday. Breakfast include Jere Baxter's world famous homemade biscuits (they put the Loveless to shame). There is no charge for the breakfast but a love offering will benefit the Organ Renovation Fund in honor of 40 years of service by Tom Metcalf, Organist.

Volunteers to prepare and serve the breakfast are needed. Please contact Don Birdwell 430-7373 or [Don@BirdwellRealtyTeam.com](mailto:Don@BirdwellRealtyTeam.com)

## BARTH VERNON FOOD DRIVE

Thanks to the generous efforts of Calvary members, the almost depleted shelves of the Barth Vernon Food Pantry now look pretty full. There were also several people who passed along cash contributions which will be used to purchase perishable food items for the food baskets.

## April 7 ~ WNL Explores the Season of Easter

In the Christian church, Easter is not just one day, it's a whole season! In the liturgical year, the season of Easter is seven Sundays, and this year it is April 4 – May 16. Our Wednesday night program on April 7 will explore the meaning of the season of Easter. In informal worship and study, we will look at the Easter season, focusing on the book of Acts, the "bridge" between the gospels and the epistles.

Our Wednesday Nite Live meal begins at 5:30 p.m., and the program will begin at 6:15 p.m. and last until 7:00. The menu for April 7 will be Salisbury Steak, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Mixed Salad Greens, Rolls, Lemon and Chess Squares. The cost of the meal is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Make your reservation by calling the church at 297-7562 by Monday, April 7. The church office will be closed on Monday, but when you call, you can leave a message on Libby's phone, extension 107.



## Music City Bronze in Concert

Calvary United Methodist Church  
Sunday, April 18, 2010 - 5:00 PM

Classics, Pop, Inspirational and Original Selections by  
Middle Tennessee's Premier Community Handbell Ensemble  
See the handbell instrument used to its fullest!

(Free Will Offering will be taken)

# Calvary's Easter Egg Hunt

Please note that this is the Saturday following Easter – to celebrate the season of Easter we have scheduled the Easter Egg Hunt for April 10th.



**Saturday, April 10 ~ 3pm - 4pm ~ Ages 2-4th Grade**

## 2010 Spring Colloquy

The United Methodist Student Association at Vanderbilt Divinity School invites all to their annual Spring Colloquy. This year, we will be celebrating our various Wesleyan traditions, through “A Discussion on Pan-Methodism.” Worship will begin in the All Faiths Chapel of the Divinity School at 5:00pm on Thursday, April 8th. The colloquy, with reception, will follow in the Reading Room.

Panelists include representatives from the United Methodist, AME, CME and Nazarene churches. This event is free and open to the public.

## Wish List for Community Care Fellowship

### Priority Items

Heavy Duty Hair Clippers  
Instant Oatmeal and Instant Grits (Individual Packets)  
Men's Gloves  
Pampers size 4 & 5  
Pull-ups Sizes 3T and 4T  
Size 6 Diapers (not Pull-ups)  
Chapstick  
Cough Drops  
Towels and Wash Cloths  
Baby Powder  
Travel Size Shampoo and Conditioner  
Items Which Are Always in Short Supply  
Vaseline or Petroleum Jelly  
Sanitary Napkins (extra absorbent) and Tampons  
Band-Aids  
White Tube Socks (Adult Men's Sizes)  
Men's Bath Robes (Terry Cloth)

# Yard Sale

**CALVARY UNITED METHODIST**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
Your contributed items for the sale and your volunteer time the day of the sale and the preceding week will be needed. Watch for details. Money from the sale will support:

- Habitat for Humanity
- Lighthouse Children's Center, Tallinn, Estonia

# Yard Sale

## CSA Subscription Time!

CSA = Community-Supported Agriculture. Calvary members have supported Avalon Acres Farms the past 2 years by purchasing shares of their produce (vegetables, fruit, meat, etc.) at the beginning of the summer season. Avalon Acres drops off from 9-9:25am on Sunday mornings. The new season will begin May 2. If you're interested in purchasing a CSA share, you can pick up an application outside of Jessica's office, go to their website (<http://www.avalon-acres.com/>), or call them at 931-628-3938. If you have questions about CSA's or supporting local farms, feel free to contact Jessica or others who have purchased CSA shares. There will also be a presentation at Wednesday Nite Live on April 14 about Food, Farming, and Faith - this will be an excellent time to learn and share information together!

## Fair Trade Tea for Sale!

We have leftover tea from Alternative Gift Giving, which is available for purchase. Tea = \$5/box (25 bags), and flavors include: English Breakfast and Earl Grey. If you would like to purchase a box or more of tea, please see Jessica or email her at [jessica@calvaryumc.com](mailto:jessica@calvaryumc.com).

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## 2010 Gathering at Calvary UMC

Calvary UMC and its longtime missions partner Bellevue UMC will host the 13th Annual Friends of Estonia Gathering on April 15-16 in Nashville. The Friends of Estonia (FOE) is a United Methodist Church organization established to help U.S. congregations coordinate their mutual efforts to assist the Church in Estonia. Working with the Board of Global Ministries, World Evangelism, Volunteers in Mission, and other UM entities, FOE provides a forum where Estonian and U.S. congregations can work together to renew the Estonian church after 40 years of Communist oppression.

In Middle Tennessee, Bellevue UMC has partnered with Calvary in support of the church in Estonia and its ministries, including the Lighthouse Children's Center for several years. The churches have sponsored joint Volunteers in Mission teams and collaborated on fund-raisers involving both congregations.

Friends of Estonia encourages the participation of any individual or United Methodist Congregation with a heart for the revival of the church in countries formerly oppressed by Communism.

Calvary UMC has been involved with Friends of Estonia from early on. Pastor Peter van Eys led one of the earliest Volunteers in Mission teams to Estonia. Calvary is a connecting congregation with the church in the southern town of Ruusmae, Estonia. Calvary supported development of the Baltic Mission Center, a seminary that is producing church leaders who are salt and light in their Eastern European home countries, and are returning as missionaries to indigenous peoples in the former Soviet Union.

Calvary has also established a long-time partnership with the Lighthouse Children's Center in the capital city of Tallin, a ministry of the UMC in Estonia. A Calvary team will again staff a summer camp for the Lighthouse children June 28 – July 3, 2010. Many members will recall the 2008 life-changing visit of 17 Lighthouse children and youth to Nashville.

**Calvary members are invited to participate in a worship service Friday night, April 16, at 7 pm led by the Rev. Taavi Holman, superintendent for the UMC in Estonia. He will preach at Calvary on Sunday, April 18 at the 10:30 service. Calvary members are invited to participate and also to share a gift of hospitality, with baked goods for conference snacks and Friday night dinner and dessert. Bring snacks to CLC kitchen Thurs. April 15.**