

FROM OUR HILL

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April 11, 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

Acts 5:27-32

Psalms 150

Revelation 5:11-14

John 20:19-31

Calvary's Easter Egg Hunt: Linger in a Season of Surprise

Last Sunday we came together and celebrated God's biggest surprise – that Christ our Lord defeated death and rang in a new Kingdom! This is a Kingdom defined by life and peace. With this good news, the Church entered its fifty day long Season of Easter. This season invites us to live into what it means to be a people who participate in God's great surprise.

As a culture, we quickly move from one "big thing" to the next. The Season of Easter challenges this pace and invites us to take in the resurrection joy to its fullest extent. Just as Thomas and the disciples needed time for the Easter surprise to sink in, we too need time.

Calvary's children and families are invited to linger in this season as we come together this Saturday afternoon to celebrate our risen Lord at the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Yes, this is after Easter Sunday. However, we have only just begun our period of celebration as we live into being a people of the surprise – the Easter people. Stephanie Dunn

Living the Full Easter Experience

While driving I heard a radio announcement about the new Titanic Museum Attraction in Pigeon Forge, TN set to open this week. The promo ended by inviting the listener to come "enjoy the full Titanic experience." I do not mean to quibble, but the full experience suggests bitter cold, floating icebergs, and death by drowning. Well save a few. I like museums, and seeing Titanic artifacts presented with real life passenger stories would be a draw for me. The full Titanic experience, not so much.

We had a very moving Holy Week at Calvary. I have received e-mails, texts, home and office voice mails, as well as many, many people telling me in person how much the Holy Thursday and Good Friday services meant to them. You would want to know that Jessica Bridges designed the Holy Thursday service, and Deborah Graham designed the Good Friday service. The Taize music on Thursday night and the powerful drama on Friday night provided fresh ways for the Calvary congregation to experience the meaning of the days. The choral and instrumental ensemble Thursday night and the Sanctuary Choir Friday night (with Tom on the organ) blessed all who were gathered with their gifts and preparation. The acts of foot/hand washing and communion on Thursday night and the darkening of the sanctuary Friday night brought us intimately into the story.

I am also extremely grateful for all who helped to make our Easter Sunday such an absolutely glorious day. I praise God from whom all blessings flow! We are now in the season of Easter, the most joyous and celebrative season of the Christian year. It is known as the Great Fifty Days and takes us to the Day of Pentecost (May 23rd this year).

So, let me invite you to come enjoy the full Easter experience at Calvary. The Easter story declares that God has acted in human history for our sake. That God is committed to love and life. That God has said yes to Christ and the covenant community that bears his name. Easter does not just offer a message of hope but births a concrete expression of hope realized.

Whether we enter the story on Palm Sunday and see a cross ahead on the horizon, or enter on Easter Sunday with an empty cross in the rearview mirror, the cross remains the connecting symbol of human need and divine response. Resurrection faith discerns that real life, new life, eternal life happen when we remember and enter the suffering of humanity with the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ. In the second chapter of the Book of Acts Peter is preaching and telling the story of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The listeners,



CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our love and sympathy to **Eric Larson** and his family in the death of his father, Glenn Larson.

Glenn, wife Marilyn and daughter Karen are former members of Calvary.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 11, 2010

- 8:30 a.m. CalvaryConnection
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Estonia Group Meeting
- 11:45 a.m. Youth Council
- 3:45 p.m. K-6 Children's Choir
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Bells
- 4:30 p.m. The Way of Blessedness (#223)
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Snack Supper
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
- 5:30 p.m. Children's Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. UMYF
- 6:15 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Holy Communion

Monday, April 12

- 1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness
- 5:30 p.m. Staff Parish (#223)
- 6:45 p.m. Worship Task Force (#204)
- 7:00 p.m. Open Gym Basketball

Tuesday, April 13

- 8:00 a.m. Covenant Group
- 1:00 p.m. Needle Arts Group (223)
- 4:00 p.m. Tutoring at Cottage Cove
- 6:00 p.m. Trustees (#223)
- 7:00 p.m. Children's Council (#204)

Wednesday, April 14

- 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 15

- Friends of Estonia (Chapel)
- YCS Consignment Sale

Friday, April 16

- Friends of Estonia (Chapel)
- YCS Consignment Sale
- 1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness

Saturday, April 17

- Friends of Estonia (Chapel)

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we are told, are cut to the heart and ask "what do we do?" (vs. 37) You see, they want the full Easter experience!

We will continue to explore the meaning of the resurrection as we move through the Season of Easter. However, be warned that the full Easter experience involves risk; and I am not speaking of icebergs. In preparation for coming to worship this Sunday, reflect on the poem Mother Teresa had engraved on the wall of her home for children in Calcutta:

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; be happy anyway. The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; it was never between you and them anyway.

We can do no great things – only small things with great love.

Peter van Eys, Senior Pastor

WNL – “Food, Faith, and Farming”

On Wednesday night, April 14, our guest speaker for Wednesday Nite Live will be Tallu Schuyler speaking on “Faith, Food, and Farming.” Ms. Schuyler, Director of Nashville Mobile Loaves and Fishes, has a Masters of Divinity degree from Columbia Theological Seminary and is on staff at Woodmont Christian Church. She has worked extensively in the area of sustainable agriculture and will be sharing her insights with us.

The WNL meal begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center, and the program will be at 6:15. The menu for April 14 will be Coca Cola Ham, Baked Potatoes, Lemon Broccoli, Rolls, Orange/Blueberry Shortcakes and Salad made with all local ingredients. The cost of the meal is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. To make your reservation, call the church at 297-7562 by Monday, April 12, at noon.



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 it is this Saturday – 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

Church Retreat - A Few Rooms Remain

If you missed the deadline to sign up for the church retreat and still would like to go...it is not too late. We have a few rooms that are still available. If you are interested in going please email Libby Baxter at libby@calvaryumc.com for more information. Scholarships are available.



“Even Eagles Need a Push”

The Retreat is at beautiful Beersheba Springs Assembly, April 30 – May 2, 2010

Wish List for Community Care Fellowship

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

Older Adult Trip to Edwin Warner Park

The Older Adult Council has planned a trip to Edwin Warner Park on Friday, April 23. We will have lunch together in one of the picnic shelters at the park, followed by an opportunity to see the park “by foot” or by vehicle. Those that want to explore by foot can visit the wildflower garden, the organic vegetable garden, and as much of the grounds as you care to walk. Those that want to see more of the property can take advantage of a 45 minute riding tour. Some may choose to visit the Nature Center Building or simply to take in the beautiful spring weather by rocking on the porch.

We need to know how many persons want the “riding tour” of the park. When you call to make your reservation for this trip, please tell us if you want to sign up for the riding tour. There is no cost for this trip, but we do need your reservation by Friday, April 16. Call the church at 297-7562 to make your reservation.

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!

Fresh Produce for the Summer! CSA = Community-Supported Agriculture. If you'd like to purchase an Avalon Acres CSA share this summer, you can pick up an application outside of Jessica's office, go to their website (www.avalon-acres.com), or call them at 931-628-3938. The first drop-off of the season is May 2, and will be every Sunday morning from 9-9:25am. Any questions about CSA's or supporting local farms can be directed to Jessica or contact Avalon Acres directly.

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Estonia Superintendent to Preach at Calvary

The Rev. Taavi Hollman, District Superintendent of the United Methodist Church of Estonia, will preach at the 10:30 service at Calvary on Sunday April 18, following his participation in the 13th Annual Friends of Estonia Gathering 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.

“Taavi Hollman is one of the most inspirational preachers I’ve ever heard,” notes Missions Council Chair Carol White. “He truly speaks the Word of God for the people of God. He stands in the line of faithful ministers who kept the Estonian Methodist church alive and now leads the challenging work of rebuilding and

healing.”

Hollman was born into an Estonian Methodist family and began working within the church at age 14 under the mentorship of long-time superintendent Olav Parnaments (who has also preached at Calvary). Nothing could be done outside the church at that time because of Communist restrictions. In 1992 he became the youth pastor at the Tallinn church. He subsequently studied theology at Tartu University (1993) and eventually attended the Baltic Mission Seminary.

Taavi Hollman was elected UM superintendent of Estonia in 2006 in a surprise outcome that sent a shock-wave through the conference. Everyone had assumed that Olav Parnaments, who had served 26 years, would be re-elected. However, many had voted for Taavi, Olav’s young protégé, as a way to encourage him. Olav’s immediate reaction was to go to Taavi with a great embrace. This created the atmosphere of loving, powerful transition. Calvary is blessed to receive the witness and teaching of Taavi Holman on Sunday, April 18.