

FROM OUR HILL

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April 18, 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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Acts 9:1-6

Psalms 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

## Calvary Welcomes Friends of Estonia



Calvary is hosting the 13th annual Friends of Estonia, USA meeting April 15-17. Folks from across the United States, as well as leaders of the Methodist Church in Estonia will spend these days reflecting on how congregations in the United States can provide support for the Estonian Methodist Church. The Friends of Estonia organization has worked closely with World Methodist Evangelism, the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, and the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission.

While it is our privilege to welcome all these guests to Calvary, we are particularly blessed to have Rev. Taavi Hollman, the District Superintendent of Estonia, preaching in our 10:30 service Sunday morning. One of the great gifts I have received through my experiences in Estonia and through participation in Friends of Estonia is, well, friends. I believe I first met Taavi in September 2000 when I attended the dedication celebration of the completed Baltic Mission Center in Tallinn, Estonia.

Taavi was born into a Methodist family during the Soviet years and gave his life to Christ at age 10. Though he entered the Tallinn Polytechnical Institute in 1987 to study Civil Engineering, by 1991 the Lord was leading him into the ministry. He later studied at Tartu Theological Academy and the Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary, leading to his ordination as an Elder in 2000.

I have known Taavi as a powerful evangelist with a passion for youth and young adult ministry, serving as the Youth Minister in the Tallinn UMC, and giving leadership at the World Methodist Evangelism International Christian Youth Conferences in Hamburg, Germany and Belfast, Northern Ireland. In 2005 he was elected superintendent of Estonia in the Nordic and Baltic Episcopal Area. In this role he has been instrumental in developing a plan for church growth and in strengthening the support pastors receive from home and abroad.

Estonia is a small nation on the Baltic Sea, with a population of 1.3 million. Though Christianity there dates to the Protestant Reformation in the 1500's, recent history includes the years of Soviet rule (1944-1991) when religion was squelched. Consequently, now Estonia is considered one of the most secular countries in Europe with only 16 percent of the people professing to believe in God. I am convinced that God raised Taavi up as the leader of Estonian Methodists for such a time as this. Please be present Sunday in Worship to hear Taavi preach; it is God's desire to bless us, to teach us, to speak to us through Rev. Taavi Hollman. It is God's desire that we bless, support, and strengthen Taavi for his work, and our presence in worship will offer that.

Peter van Eys, Senior Pastor

### IN THIS EDITION

**Yard  
Sale**

~ Find out the latest information on the upcoming Church Yard Sale.

~ Learn about two upcoming opportunities for Adult Fellowship.

~ Find out more about the upcoming Sock Drive for children in Estonia.

## CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our congratulations to **Truitt and Carrie Crossman Ellis** in the birth of their daughter, Mary Sinclair. She is the granddaughter of **Jim and Mary Crossman**.



### Welcome to our Church Family

Virginia Ann Wingo was baptized on April 11, 2010. She is the daughter of **Christie and David Wingo**. **David** joined the church as well.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 18, 2010

- 8:30 a.m. CalvaryConnection
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Music Committee (#223)
- 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. Music City Bronze Concert
- 6:00 p.m. UMYF ~ ASP Session 2
- 6:15 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Holy Communion

### Monday, April 19

- 1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness
- 6:45 p.m. Worship Task Force (#204)

### Tuesday, April 20

- 8:00 a.m. Covenant Group
- 10:30 a.m. Alzheimer's Caregivers Group
- 4:00 p.m. Tutoring at Cottage Cove
- 6:00 p.m. Finance (#204)

### Wednesday, April 21

- 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

### Friday, April 23

- 1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness
- 7:00 p.m. Worship

### Saturday, April 24

- 8:00 a.m. Calvary Yard Sale

## WNL Welcomes the Sozis from Uganda

On Wednesday night, April 21, guest speakers for Wednesday Nite Live will be Pastor Peter and Phoebe Sozi. The Sozis are natives of Uganda and have a fascinating story to share. Peter and Phoebe felt a call to leave their professional jobs in Uganda to begin an orphanage for AIDS orphans. Since they already had five children of their own, this was not an easy decision. Following their call, they now operate Divine Care Ministries, a Christian school that serves 750 children. The school is not only changing the lives of many children but is also transforming the community surrounding it. The Sozis are articulate speakers that love to share their inspirational and uplifting story about the Christian revival in Uganda.

The WNL meal begins at 5:30 p.m., and the program begins at 6:15 p.m. The menu on April 21 will be Chicken Divine, Carrots, Salad, Rolls, and Chocolate Cake. The cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. To make your reservation for dinner, call the church at 297-7562 by Monday, April 19 at noon.

## Book Club

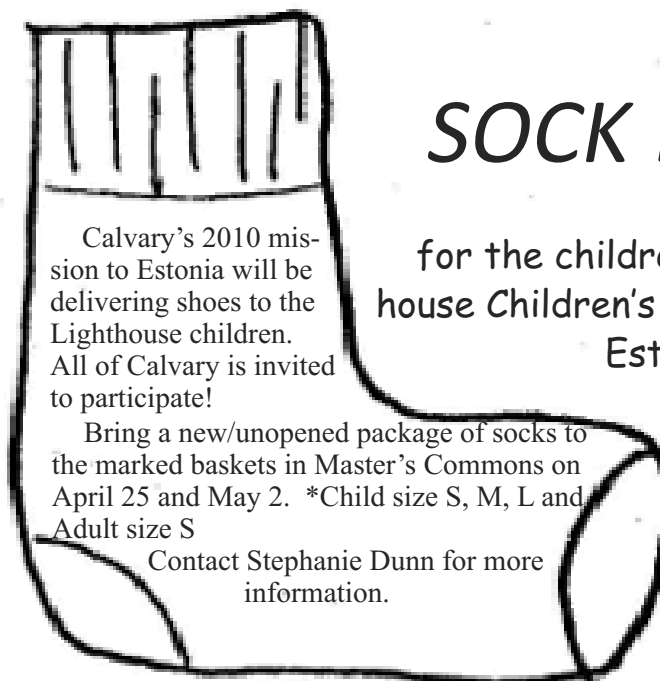
The Book Group will meet **Tuesday, April 27 at 10:00 a.m.** in room 309. This will be our last meeting until next September. Margaret Porter will review *Something More*, a story of a town's oldest mystery of hidden gold; of the persons who race to find the treasure, and how each expects to gain from finding it; and what happens if and when the gold is found. Please join us.

## Mission Camp is June 7-11

Registration is now open!

This is an opportunity for children to be involved in hands-on mission and learning in Nashville's service ministries to those in need and is open to children who will be 3rd through 6th grade graduates this year. This year we are excited to have the opportunity to serve the Gallatin Shalom Zone, the Siloam Family Health Center, the Ronald McDonald House, Avalon Acres Farm, and the House of Mercy.

Registration is limited to the first 12 participants. Contact Stephanie Dunn to register.



## SOCK DRIVE

for the children of the Lighthouse Children's Center in Tallinn, Estonia

# Your help needed with Calvary's Yard Sale Saturday, April 24

# Yard Sale

It may be called a "yard sale" but Calvary's sale Saturday, April 24, won't be in the yard! The big event will be held in the Christian Life Center (gym) with doors opening at 8 a.m. and closing at 3 p.m.

## HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP:

**CONTRIBUTE** – Bring items in good condition and working order to the Christian Life Center (only) between noon Sunday, April 18, and Friday, April 23 at 4 p.m. Evening hours Wednesday only, April 21, from 6 to 9 p.m. For pick-up of large items contact the church office or Gladys Wolfe at 221-1144 or whwol@comcast.net . No typewriters, computers, console TVs, or TVs more than 10 years old.

**SHOP** – Doors will open at 8 a.m. (no earlier) and close at 3 p.m. A wide selection is anticipated, including clothes, collectibles, jewelry, furniture, dishes, and antiques. Remember, half of the proceeds go to our September Habitat Build; half to our summer camp for children in Estonia.

**VOLUNTEER** – A large number of volunteers have signed up but more are needed. Contact Kathryn Smith at 383-0666 or kwsmith2@comcast.net . Volunteers are needed beginning this Sunday afternoon, April 18, each of the week-days, and on the day of the sale. Individuals with trucks or trailers are needed to pick up large items.

**PROMOTE** – Tell your friends and neighbors about the sale. Encourage their contributions and participation. Individuals will be present to share with shoppers information about Calvary and our Habitat and Estonia projects.

## A Cruise on the General Jackson

Calvary has secured 25 tickets for a "Senior Day" cruise on the General Jackson on Tuesday, May 11, 2010. The ticket price is \$20.00; normally the price of a General Jackson lunch-cruise with entertainment is around \$65.00. The discounted price is thanks to the sponsors of "Senior Days on the General Jackson" – The Council on Aging, Mid-Cumberland Human Resource Agency, Metro Social Services Senior Dining Programs, and Senior Centers of Greater Nashville. The schedule is as follows:

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| 11:15 a.m. | All Aboard!             |
| 11:30 a.m. | Start Cruise            |
| 11:45 a.m. | Introduction            |
| 11:50-1:30 | Lunch and Entertainment |
| 1:30 p.m.  | End of Cruise           |
| 2:00 p.m.  | All Ashore              |

We will take reservations on a "first call" basis, so you need to be one of the first 25 persons to call with your reservation. If you are a Calvary member, you may sign up one guest to go with you. To make your reservation, call the church at 297-7562. If you have questions, call Libby Baxter at the church.

## 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.

**ADULT FELLOWSHIP  
OPPORTUNITIES**



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## "Friends of Camping" Golf Fundraiser

*Sponsor a Camper This Summer*



Who would think that an afternoon of golf could do so much for our Tennessee Conference Camp and Retreat Ministries? Your participation in this golf tournament enables children who cannot attend camp because of financial reasons an opportunity to be a part of an exciting summer camp

program. Your support creates our scholarship fund and is greatly appreciated!

**The Hermitage Golf Course ~ (General's Retreat)**

**Time:** Noon

**Date:** Monday, APRIL 26, 2010

**Cost:** \$125 per Golfer (provides a \$50 scholarship)  
\$500 per Team (provides a \$200 full scholarship)  
Mulligan Package: \$10 per golfer

**Schedule:** 10:30 - Noon: Registration/Warm Up  
11:30 - 12:30: Lunch  
12:30: Tee It Up for Campers

For more information or to register please contact: Dickie Hinton  
e-mail: [TNUMCAMPS@TNUMC.ORG](mailto:TNUMCAMPS@TNUMC.ORG)  
or call 931.692.3669  
or visit <http://tnumcamps.org/friends-of-camping/>

## 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)

