

# FROM OUR HILL

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**May 23, 2010**

*Pentecost*

8:30 a.m.

CalvaryConnection in the Chapel

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Combined Worship in the Sanctuary

6:30 p.m.

Service of Prayer & Holy Communion

in the Chapel

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Acts 2:1-21

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17

## It Has Been a Rare Privilege



"I got the call today that I didn't want to hear, but I knew that it would come"...those words open the Don Henley song, Heart of the Matter, and speak to the heart of an important matter for me. It came; not a call, but a letter, informing me that I am being appointed to Crieveewood UMC at Annual Conference in June. It was not a surprise; I was just hoping for one.

It has been a distinct blessing to serve as the Senior Pastor of Calvary for 11 years, and no secret that I would have stayed here until retirement if that had been an option. Not only is this one of the great United Methodist congregations, but I am a child of the neighborhood, married a woman from Calvary, and have many family mem-

bers in this faith community. Indeed, I have been gifted with an uncommon grace for United Methodist clergy, for at Calvary I share (or have shared) this covenant life with mother and father, mother-in-law and father-in-law, sister and brother-in-law, sister-in-law, and another brother-in-law, nieces and nephews. I have especially cherished this for my sons as they moved through Middle School, High school, and into College; and for the more present Uncle I was able to be. I have also had cousins in attendance off and on, as well as people whom I have always thought of as extended family. Being at Calvary has just felt right; that this is where God wanted me to be, and this is how church should be for a family.

Yet, I knew that it would come eventually; that letter. Moving is part of being a United Methodist Elder, and 31 years into it, I have been through this before. Our appointment system provides for seamless transitions that insure every church a pastor and assure every Elder in good standing a place to serve. We United Methodists value the new energy and fresh voice that comes with pastoral transitions, and seek every affirmation of the role of laity as the real strength of a local church. I can appreciate that you have listened to me preach good sermons and bad sermons, have accepted me on good hair days and bad hair days, and have cared for me when I have been up to the task and when I have made mistakes. My time at Calvary has been a sublime one for me, and I am keenly aware that it has been the Holy Spirit working through you that has made that so.

You will find in this issue of From Our Hill a column by our 2010 Lay Leader, Bob Currie, introducing you to the one who will be your new Senior Pastor. I will wait until next week to share my own thoughts about the strengths he and his family will bring to this place. Just as I have been honored by God and you to be the Senior Pastor of Calvary for the past 11 years, I understand that I honor you and God by setting the course for a smooth transition.

I knew that this day would come. And it is okay. I have had a rare privilege; I know that and am eternally thankful. After all only ten others have been the Senior Pastor of Calvary! Another will come and you will love him and his family too. This is an incredible congregation for so many reasons, not the least of which is how you welcome, receive, and care for your Senior Pastor. Patti, too, has so enjoyed the opportunity to be fully involved back in her big "Calvary family" for these 11 years, and desires that I let you know how much she loves you and will miss you. She also wondered aloud about whether there really were any good hair days.

Peter van Eys, Senior Pastor

See page 3 for the letter the 2010 Lay Leader, Bob Currie, writes introducing our new Senior Pastor.

## CHURCH NEWS

### 5th Sunday Meal - May 30

It is that time again for Calvary United Methodist Church to serve lunch at Community Care Fellowship for the 5th Sunday serving on Sunday May 30th. Please let me know if you can make a casserole to be delivered to the church kitchen downstairs next to the Chapel no later than 10:30 on the 30th. In addition, I can always use 4 others to help serve the meal so let me know if you are interested. Thanks for your consideration. - Brad Greer, bgreer@capstarbank.com

### Garden Work on Saturday

The new fence is up and will be painted on Saturday (weather permitting). If you want to help please meet at the garden (behind the church) at 9:00 a.m.

### Church Council is May 25 at 6:00 p.m.

### Our Calvary @ Work

Log in to the Our Calvary @ Work page on the church website to learn more about what is happening at Calvary. The page is growing each week with updates from different church committees.

**Thank You to Jule Nyhuis and Church of the Cross (Presbyterian Church, USA) in Hoffman Estates, Illinois** for their donation of dust masks and rubber gloves to aid in flood clean up.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, May 23, 2010

8:30 a.m. CalvaryConnection  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
4:00 p.m. Youth Handbells  
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir  
6:00 p.m. UMYF  
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Holy Communion

### Monday, May 24

1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness  
6:30 p.m. Worship Committee  
7:00 p.m. Open Gym

### Tuesday, May 25

8:00 a.m. Covenant Group  
4:00 p.m. Tutoring at Cottage Cove  
6:00 p.m. Church Council

### Wednesday, May 26

10:30 a.m. Women's Support Group  
1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness  
6:15 p.m. Praise Team  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

### Friday, May 28

1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness

## Reception for Terry and Anne Carty

At Annual Conference in June, Rev. Terry Carty will be appointed as Senior Pastor to a church in the Tennessee Conference. This Sunday, May 23, during the Sunday School hour, you will have an opportunity to thank Terry and Anne for their years of service and dedication to Calvary United Methodist Church and to wish them well in Terry's new appointment. There will be an informal reception for Terry and Anne from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You, or your entire Sunday School Class, are welcome to stop by for a few moments to express your appreciation for the Cartys' friendship and ministry among us through the years.

## Reception For Tom Metcalfe



Calvary's organist, Tom Metcalfe is celebrating his 40TH YEAR AS CALVARY'S ORGANIST. Tommy came to Calvary as organist in 1970. **The Music Committee is planning to honor Tommy at a reception in the Christian Life Center on May 23, 2010.** The reception will be held immediately after the 10:30 worship service. During the 10:30 worship service the children, youth and adult choirs and brass ensemble will be performing a choral anthem that has been commissioned

by Calvary to honor Tommy and his 40 years of service. The anthem was written by David Lantz, III and Susan Boersma. It will be published by Beckenhorst Press in the near future. The work is based on Tommy's favorite hymn "When Morning Gilds the Skies" and is called "Canticle Divine". Hope to see you all on May 23. It will be a wonderful day of celebration!

## Mobile Meals Drivers Needed

Mobile Meals needs two or three drivers. The meals are delivered to Calvary Methodist Church at 10:00 a.m. and the drivers deliver them before noon. It takes about an hour to deliver the meals. Sometimes the driver is the only person the recipients see each day. The drivers are asked to drive only one day each month.

Please call Judy Davis at 297-3049 if you are interested. All new drivers are trained prior to driving. Thank you so much.

## Children, Youth and Adults to Study "Green Church"

The month of July is "Green Church" month at Calvary. During the Sunday School hour, children, youth and adults will focus on becoming more ecologically sound in outlook and action as stewards of God's creation.

There will be a combined Adult Sunday School class on this topic for any interested individuals or classes during July. In this class, we will explore how caring for the environment is an act of Christian faith and a way of showing love to God and neighbor. If your class would like to attend this series, please let Libby know by calling 297-7562 or by e-mailing her at libby@calvaryumc.com.

## Dinner for Flood Victims

Persons living in Tent City who lost their possessions during the flood are staying in Belmont United Methodist Church for the next two weeks. Church groups will provide dinners and sack lunches for these persons for the time they are at Belmont. Calvary has committed to providing dinner on Tuesday, May 25, at 6:00, for 12 persons. If you can help provide food or serve food that evening, please contact Libby Baxter at 297-7562 or

libby@calvaryumc.com.

# Rev. Steve Angus is Coming to Calvary

The District Superintendent has notified the Staff Parish Relations Committee that Peter will be transferred to Crieveewood United Methodist and Rev. Steve Angus will be appointed as Calvary's new Senior Pastor at Annual Conference. Peter's last Sunday at Calvary will be June 20 while Steve's first Sunday at Calvary will be July 4. Rev. Angus comes to Calvary from McMinnville First United Methodist where he has served as Senior Pastor since 2005. (Information on celebrating Peter and Patti's contributions to Calvary over the last 11 years will be coming soon to all members. A reception is planned for June 20th, during the Sunday School Hour.)

Rev. Angus brings a strong history of preaching, church development, and administrative leadership to Calvary. He shared with Staff Parish that he felt the call to preach at an early age and began his preaching career while in early high school. Since being ordained, he has led several churches in successful building campaigns, in starting a three star accredited young children's school, in initiating Disciple Bible Study, in adding a very successful Hispanic worship service, in leading a church to paying its full apportionments after a 20 year history of not paying, and in growing an 8:00 am contemporary worship service to where it passed the traditional worship in attendance.

Steve's eclectic education includes a BS from MTSU and graduate ministerial degrees from Vanderbilt Divinity (M. Div), Bethany Baptist Theological in Dothan, AL (Ph. D), and University of the South in Sewanee, TN (D. Min.).

Steve's wife, Gretchen, who is a school guidance counselor, has proven to be an important partner in Steve's ministry. They married in 1996 and have six children including Lydia, age 11, a rising 6th grader, and Mary, a rising high school senior, who, according to her proud parents, has contributed her considerable singing talent to the McMinnville First UMC Contemporary Worship service. Their other four children include Nathaniel, a rising Junior at Austin Peay and three adult children who have given Steve and Gretchen two grandchildren and the expectation of two more in the near future.

Please join together in making every effort to assure our new senior pastor and his family feel welcome at Calvary. A reception for all members to welcome Rev. Angus, his wife, and their family is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, July 11th. Meanwhile, please begin praying for a smooth transition as well as the success and growth of Calvary under Steve's leadership. Please also be thinking of ways we can all help this transition. If you have computer access, please check out this website describing "50 Ways to Welcome your New Senior or Associate Pastor": [http://www.churchleadership.com/pdfs/50Ways/50\\_Ways\\_to\\_Welcome\\_New\\_Pastor.pdf](http://www.churchleadership.com/pdfs/50Ways/50_Ways_to_Welcome_New_Pastor.pdf)

## A Service of Healing on May 30

Calvary's Spiritual Formation Committee will sponsor a quarterly Service of Healing during the Sunday School hour on Sunday morning, May 30, in the Chapel at 9:15 a.m. Persons may enter in silence for a quiet time of prayer between 9:15 and 9:30. At 9:30, the liturgy for the morning service will begin. At the end of the service, persons will have the opportunity to ask for prayers of healing and to be anointed with oil, a sign act invoking the healing love of God. Others may choose to pray silently in the pew or at the chancel rail.

The United Methodist Book of Worship states that "Scripture strongly affirms ministries of spiritual healing ... Spiritual healing is God's work of offering persons balance, harmony, and wholeness of body, mind, spirit and relationships through confession, forgiveness, and reconciliation ... All healing is of God ... Healing is not magic, but underlying it is the great mystery of God's love ... God does not promise that we shall be spared suffering but does promise to be with us in our suffering. Trusting that promise, we are enabled to recognize God's sustaining presence in pain, sickness, injury, and estrangement." These are the spiritual truths in which a service of healing is conducted.

You are invited to join others in the Chapel at 9:15 a.m. on May 30 where we will affirm that the greatest healing of all is the reunion or reconciliation of a human being with God. Come and renew and strengthen your relationship with the living Christ. If you have questions, call Libby Baxter at the church at 297-7562.



## YOUTH NEWS

~ The Calvary Youth and Bell Choirs are gearing up for their annual tour. This year, we will be performing in Panama City, Florida. We will be blogging the trip on the church website.

~ This Sunday, May 23, we will be recognizing the 12 youth graduates. They will be featured in the coming weeks' *From Our Hill*.

~ Please visit Calvary's Community Garden and the new fence put up by future Eagle Scout, Will Kaufman.

~ Congratulations to Maggie Ward for receiving the Mary Catherine Strobel Award at St. Cecilia, recognizing her commitment to school and community service.

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## Galactic Blast VBS at Calvary UMC

Vacation Bible School 2010 will be Out of This World!

At Galactic Blast VBS, cadets will voyage into outer space praising God. Through daily Bible missions, kids will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. Join us on this cosmic combination of faith and fun as cadets develop a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ!

\*Galactic Blast cadets are ages 4 by July 12, 2010 through completed 5th graders.

\*\*There is a registration fee of \$15. This can be paid by check to Calvary UMC, 3701 Hillsboro Road, Nashville, TN, 37215 or can be paid on the first day of VBS at check in. Please email [stephanie@calvaryumc.com](mailto:stephanie@calvaryumc.com) for information on scholarships.

### Date/Time

Date: July 12th - 16, 2010  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Volunteer Registration End Date: July 10th, 2010 at 12:00 PM

Participant Registration End Date: July 10th, 2010 at 12:00 PM

### More Information

For more information visit [www.calvaryumc.com](http://www.calvaryumc.com)

Learn more about Galactic Blast VBS 2010 at [www.cokesburyvbs.com](http://www.cokesburyvbs.com)

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