

# FROM OUR HILL

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

**May 30, 2010**

*Trinity Sunday*

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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Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31

Psalms 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

## Constant and Change - Both Gifts From God



What a great Sunday! Having an anthem written in recognition of Tom Metcalfe was a marvelous way to honor him and his forty years of service to the Calvary congregation. Thank you Deborah, and thank you vocal and instrumental choir, for bringing our worship experience to a glorious crescendo. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place!

Tom truly has been an amazing partner in ministry. He is an accomplished organist/pianist, exceptional in his ability to accompany singers, to "shift gears" as situations demand, and to set a tone for worship. Then, to reflect on the fact that he has been on this staff for forty years is incredible.

I appreciate that I have had an opportunity to know God's presence through the gifts Tom brings, and am very thankful to have ministered side by side with him for fourteen of the past twenty-seven years. Sundays, special services, weddings (including mine with Patti), funerals, he has been a faithful presence and a trusted colleague. I will profoundly miss working with him and having my own soul nourished by his playing.

That provides a smooth segue to speak again to the pending transition of Senior Pastors; this will be Tom's eighth one during his tenure! Soon you will welcome Steve Angus, his wife Gretchen and their six children into your lives. Calvary is so grounded in its understanding of Christian fellowship that I have no doubt their entrance into this congregation will be seamless and grace filled, but it has been a number of years since such a change has occurred. Let me remind you that they will have many names to learn, so be kind and introduce yourself often. Every local church has its own rhythm and culture, so be patient and give them an opportunity to acclimate to Calvary. Every Senior Pastor, as well as his or her family, brings his or her own gifts and strengths, so be open and allow the Spirit to work through Steve in your midst.

Back when Tom was starting his second decade on Calvary's staff, Steve and I were both serving on the Conference Youth Council; I as the Clarksville District Youth Leader and he as the Murfreesboro District Youth Leader. I know his experience in and value of nurturing children and youth in the faith will match well that core Calvary priority. Steve also brings to Calvary a keen passion for preaching, and years of effective staff and ministry development.

There are two particular causes for my excitement as I anticipate Steve's leadership at Calvary. In his current appointment he has brought stability and growth to the congregation's worship life, and has woven a Hispanic ministry initiative into the full life of staff and congregation. While having Tom as the organist has been a remarkable constant in worship at Calvary, we have known a decade plus of time, place, and format shifts while seeking to offer multiple worship opportunities. Steve will bring fresh perspective, thoughts, and insight to this commitment.

Though still in a beginning stage, our Mission Council has begun to plan and resource for outreach to people in Green Hills for whom English is a second (or more) language. I am convinced this is a ministry to which God is calling Calvary and see in Steve's appointment further affirmation of that belief!

So, Calvary finds itself immersed in the beautiful equation of life in the Body of Christ. How both constant and change proclaim the mystery of our faith. There is the much needed power of abiding relationship that resonates as we give God thanks for Tom; a gift made more vital in this transient and disposable society, a gift that reminds us of God's eternal presence. And, there is the ever needed proclamation of a living Christ that finds expression as Steve (and his family) comes to Calvary; a witness made more critical in this increasingly secular society, a witness that reminds us of the one who makes all things new. How blessed we are at Calvary!

Peter van Eys, Senior Pastor

## CHURCH NEWS

**Do something sweet.** Help fund the Estonia Light House Children's Ministry 2010 camp by purchasing jelly in Masters Common. Flavors of the week are: blueberry, blackberry, strawberry, peach, raspberry, and grape. Cost is \$5.

### 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.

## CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our love and sympathy to **Phyllis Vaughn** and her family in the death of her father, Ulna Fox, and to **Genna Mansperger** and **Glen Ferguson** and their families in the death of their aunt, Inez Ferguson.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, May 30, 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 31

*Officed Closed - Memorial Day*

### Tuesday, June 1

8:00 a.m. Covenant Group  
6:00 p.m. YCS Board Meeting

### Wednesday, June 2

10:30 a.m. Women's Support Group  
1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness  
5:30 p.m. Praise Team  
6:00 p.m. VBS Leaders Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

### Thursday, June 3

6:15 p.m. Church Softball

### Friday, June 4

1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness

## 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](mailto:bgreer@capstarbank.com)

## 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](mailto:libby@calvaryumc.com).

## 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.

# A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE CALVARY PIPE ORGAN

The Calvary Church Council, in the May 25th meeting, authorized a capital campaign to fund maintenance and upgrade of the Sanctuary pipe organ. The goal is \$275,000 and efforts to raise that amount are underway. You will be hearing much about this; both how to contribute and the work to be done. The Calvary pipe organ is one of our most cherished properties and your Calvary leaders are excited to announce this campaign.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY REMINDER:

### LAST SUNDAY TO PICK UP A PENNIES OF PRAISE PARADE GAME PACK

Calvary is joining the Tennessee Annual Conference this year in supporting the worldwide United Methodist Church!

The Pennies of Praise Parade is an opportunity to learn together and celebrate the many ways that God is at work in The United Methodist Church across the globe. Pick up a Pennies of Praise game pack outside of Stephanie Dunn's office or in Masters Common.

Contact Stephanie Dunn at [stephanie@calvaryumc.com](mailto:stephanie@calvaryumc.com) or 297-7562 with questions about this special offering.

## Summer Sunday School Begins This Week

To kick off Summer Sunday School, the children (3s through 5th grade) will be combined this week, May 30. Parents, please join us this week as we begin an exciting journey with the UM Children's Fund for Christian Mission.

The Children's Summer Sunday School schedule includes mission, stewardship, and sacrament study – we are sure to have a great time! Contact Stephanie Dunn at [stephanie@calvaryumc.com](mailto:stephanie@calvaryumc.com) with any questions.



## Calvary Softball

Upcoming games for the Calvary Church Softball Team:

Thursday, June 3 6:15

Friday, June 11 9:00

Friday, June 18 8:30

Thursday, June 24 8:30

All games will be played at the field at the corner of Vaughn Rd. and Old Hickory Blvd across from the Steeplechase. We love to have fans. If you have kids they love to play in the area beside the field.

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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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<http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/galactic-blast/calvaryumc>