

FROM OUR HILL

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June 6, 2010

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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I Kings 17:8-24

Psalms 146

Galatians 1:11-24

Luke 7:1-10

## Bravo for That



This time of year it is hard to walk my farm property without chiggers throwing a party on my legs and beyond. Yesterday, in a conversation about hiking in New Hampshire, I was reminded of the black flies and green head flies with which I have shared some time in New England. They are ubiquitous critters for parts of the year, the green head ones particularly biting. And don't even get me started on the mosquitoes in Estonia; if they flew higher they could be tracked by radar.

I understand the place all these insects hold in the food chain; though, where are bats when you need them, crosses my mind. Too, there is some evidence the flies up north pollinate the blueberry plants. Bravo for that. Nevertheless, there is a nuisance factor when trying to enjoy the great outdoors in warmer seasons. All that swarming, buzzing, and biting.

The United Methodist Church has its own seasons with distinctive buzz; say, the consultation season, the appointment making season, and the appointment setting season. All of this is held together by the gossip season, which is not actually sanctioned. In those years when clergy and churches are not experiencing a change, handicapping moves can be an entertaining sport. Kind of like fantasy football. But, then there are those years when a move happens. It can feel like an unwanted nuisance, or at least an interruption to life in these late spring days.

Yet, there is some evidence that all the movement of clergy pollinates local churches for a greater harvest of the fruits of the Spirit. Bravo for that. And from a macro historical view, the United Methodist Church guaranteed appointment system is dependent upon these cyclical seasons for survival. For all of its strengths and weaknesses, it is a defining aspect of our denominational covenant life, connection, and one can easily argue the transformative influence it has had on the growth of Western Christianity.

It is at that point that I am most optimistic for the future of Calvary as Steve Angus comes to be the new Senior Pastor...church growth. (Yes, we are part of the ongoing stream of Western Christianity) When I came to Calvary in June of 1999 there were 1274 members; today there are 1374. We have cared for one another and celebrated the lives of over 250 who have died in that same span, we have received members by transfers and professions of faith, and known the departure of others who have moved away or found a new church home. In other words, there has been much fluidity and we can be pleased to trend upward. However, there is a palpable sense that Calvary is ready to take the next step in terms of membership growth.

Steve has gifts in this area. Bravo for that. I consider it God's timing that he comes now to lead this congregation, to reorient its thinking, its culture, and its way of doing things in order to extend Calvary's evangelistic reach into the Green Hills community and beyond. It is exciting to imagine the future for Calvary!

I trust you are praying for Steve and his family as they transition into this faith community. I believe God has great expectations for this membership, and that Calvary is positioned and poised for significant growth. It might sting some to realize that such a future will require a new level of commitment and will accompany concrete change in attitude and action. But know this, that buzz you hear is the Holy Spirit moving among us. Bravo for that!

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.

### Calvary Softball

Upcoming games for the Calvary Church Softball Team:

Thurs. June 3 6:00

Friday June 11 9:00

Friday June 18 9:00

Thurs. June 24 8:00

Game times will be 55 minutes.

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.

## CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our love and sympathy to **Tom De-weese** and his family in the death of his sister, Robin Card.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, June 6, 2010

8:30 a.m. CalvaryConnection

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

6:30 p.m. Prayer & Holy Communion

### Monday, June 7

1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness

2:30 p.m. Prayer Time

### Tuesday, June 8

8:00 a.m. Covenant Group

6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

7:00 p.m. Children's Council

### Wednesday, June 9

10:30 a.m. Women's Support Group

1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness

5:30 p.m. Praise Team

6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

### Friday, June 11

1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness

9:00 p.m. Church Softball

## WE NEED YOU!

Volunteer to teach children's Summer Sunday School for one or two weeks in July or August. This way is a great way to show our school year Sunday School teachers how thankful we are for what they do and for members to get to know the children of Calvary. Contact Stephanie at [stephanie@calvaryumc.com](mailto:stephanie@calvaryumc.com) for more information!

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

## 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.

## Our Church Family

Please welcome the Myers Family. They joined during the 10:30 service on May 30.



Jen

Joe

Cole Aaron



Kate Addison

# Stewardship – Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, Witness

Calvary has a well established reputation as a mission minded church, and more important, a self identity rooted in service to others. A powerful expression of our understanding of stewardship! We often pause as the school year gives way to summer to pray for all who will participate in our Mission Camp for Children, and teams to Estonia and the Appalachia Service Project. Too, we look ahead in preparation for our annual Habitat for Humanity build. However, this spring we have been more immersed (literally) in service to one another and neighbors in the aftermath of the flood. Some Calvary members lost much, many had significant clean-up, and a large number stepped forward to help. Youth who were out of school used their ASP skills to remove walls and floor boards, working side by side with adults of every age group. The Stewardship Committee wishes to thank Calvary members for their **service** in response to the flood!

## Ophelia Foster, 1998 Unity Build Habitat homeowner, shares her story with Calvary

Life is made up of moments. I would like to tell you a few of mine:

I grew up in east Nashville and attended East High School. When my parents separated, I moved with my mom to the projects. In 1996, I heard about Habitat for Humanity by word of mouth. At the time, I lived with my father in an over crowded home, I worked for the state and part time at Payless. I always told my daughter Nakeya, who was 8, that if we take care of the things we have, one day we will have our own. In 1998, I was accepted into the Habitat program, worked 500 hours of sweat equity and in November, closed on my very own home. I was elated!

Over the past 11 years, life has changed:

- ~ My faith has increased – All things are possible if you believe
- ~ I began to work at Meharry Medical School in 2006 as a Senior Administrative Assistant in Psychiatry
- ~ I was able to take the information that I learned in the HomeWORKS classes and budget my life accordingly. These classes are not just about money management but they teach you little things that can make a difference. For instance, I learned that there is actually a 7 day grace period on milk. I always used to throw it out right when it hit the expiration date. Now I know I have 7 days. With knowledge such as this, I was able to double up on my mortgage payments when I had the opportunity to do so financially

2009 was a big year:

- ~ My daughter Nakeya turned 19 and attends Tennessee State University where she is majoring in Theatre and works part time for Central parking.
- ~ I paid off my home in full. It is mine and if anything every happens to me, I know my children will be in good hands
- ~ In September, I teamed up with Joseph Frierson, whose niece is a Habitat homeowner, and I am now assisting him with outreach so that the US Ministry Church can sponsor a home for another deserving family.
- ~ I have always said that if I am ever able to help someone along the way then I know that my living is not in vain.
- ~ I am proof that your giving and support is not in vain.

In 2010, God willing, I will stand by the side of a new homeowner as they cut the ribbon on their house, which I have helped to sponsor 12 years after working on my own. Thank you for allowing me to share my story with you today. I believe in Habitat, it works and truly does break the cycle of poverty.



## Choir Tour begins on Saturday, June 5

The Calvary Youth and Bell Choirs are leaving on Saturday for Panama City Beach, FL. We will be performing five times throughout Panama City, including leading worship at Gulfview UMC on Sunday morning.

Please follow the trip on the Calvary website by clicking the Youth Choir logo on the bottom of the front home page of the website([www.calvaryumc.com](http://www.calvaryumc.com)). We will have pictures, daily recaps, and more.

The youth choirs will be sharing their performance with Calvary on June 13 during the 10:30 worship service.

Thank you again for all the support given for Youth Missions.

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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)

Visit here to register (Participants & Volunteers):  
<http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/galactic-blast/calvaryumc>